

1 Other expense budget request for DOT

Reference name: **Other expense budget request for DOT**
 Full agency name: **Department of Transportation**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202501E**

Explanation: **New York City must recognize ownership of the Plaza. The clearest solution we see is for Newkirk Plaza to become a formal participant in the DOT’s Pedestrian Plaza Program. The City’s inability to determine jurisdiction over Newkirk Plaza has left several chronic issues unresolved, including a serious rodent infestation, sanitation maintenance concerns, disrepair of the brick plaza surface, and growing street homelessness challenges. The New York City Police Department, the Department of Sanitation, the Department of Buildings, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, have all been called upon to deal with myriad issues on the Plaza. Many community stakeholders, including business owners, civic and community-based organizations, and local government entities, continue to struggle**

2 Expand street outreach

Reference name: **Expand street outreach**
 Full agency name: **Department of Homeless Services**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Services for the homeless**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202502E**

Explanation: **Reports of individuals who appear to be unsheltered homeless have increased over the past year. Breaking Ground is the current contractor and provides and given the increase in calls to the Community Board, the Police and 311, an increase in outreach services is warranted. These teams must be equipped with professionals who can assist those who are on the street due to substance misuse and/or experiencing mental health disorders.**

3 Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households

Reference name:
Full agency name: **Housing Preservation and Development**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Affordable housing programs**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202503E**

Explanation: **In addition to the capital request, programs, outreach and increased subsidies to ensure affordable housing at lower AMIs is a well documented need in CD14.**

4 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Reference name: **Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**
Full agency name: **Department of Parks and Recreation**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Street trees and forestry services**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202504E**

Explanation: **Flatbush and Midwood boast 11,237 street trees, including 121 different species according to DPR's census. Argyle Road is considered the "leafiest" in Brooklyn. A more robust pruning cycle is still necessary. Requests for emergency pruning and fallen branches are increasing in the District. Fallen limbs, branches and entire trees too often were reported for pruning but not addressed. Paying claims instead of service is poor policy. DPR needs a better funded and more robust contracting practice in addition to an increase in the budget to bring the work in house.**

5 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

Reference name: **Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment**
 Full agency name: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Mental health programs**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202505E**

Explanation: **Nearly one in 25 New Yorkers has experienced mental illness. About 280,000 have major disorders such as schizophrenia. Forty percent of those in city shelters and 53% of those in city jails experience mental illness. From March to December of 2020, more than 17,000 calls were made for mental health assistance. This was 85 times more than the same period in 2019. The city must continue to expand mobile crises teams, and intensive mobile teams as well as HOMESTAT outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals experiencing mental illness. A Support and Connection Center should be provided in Brooklyn.**

6 Other cleaning requests

Reference name: **Other cleaning requests**
 Full agency name: **Department of Sanitation**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Cleaning**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202506E**

Explanation: **There are 1200 road segments in CD 14. Given the number of dead ends, overpasses, and road bridges, cleaning is a persistent need. The evisceration of MLP, which is the only operation that cleans CD14's 54 dead end streets was ill advised. TNT is welcome in addition to MLP but not instead of it. Asking councilmembers to refund DSNY with Clean NYC or reso funds does not ensure equal distribution of services across the district and is financially inefficient. Baseline services should come from the baseline budget. Restore full funding for MLP.**

7 Improve safety at homeless shelters

Reference name:
Full agency name: **Department of Homeless Services**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Services for the homeless**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202507E**

Explanation: **The men's shelter that opened in CD14 in 2023 has created a number of community concerns. Security, including perimeter patrols are not addressing the complaint that individuals are entering private property, defecating in the street, engaging in substance use, and locking shopping carts to fences. Interactions between shelter residents and residents of the adjacent supportive housing facility have not been positive for the clients or the community. BVSJ - the contractor has failed to establish a Community Advisory Board. The impacts of this shelter are far worse than anticipated and funding to ensure adequate support, programing and safety is urgently needed.**

8 Clean catch basins

Reference name: **Clean catch basins**
Full agency name: **Department of Environmental Protection**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Sewage and flooding**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202508E**

Explanation: **There are several locations in the district that flood chronically that have all been brought to DEP's attention. We ask that DEP respond to pending requests and advise so that filing claims with the city is not the default position. The city paid out over \$2.6 million in the past five years. DEP should help offset the costs of backflow prevention valves.**

9 Other request for services for the homeless

Reference name:
Full agency name: **Department of Homeless Services**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Services for the homeless**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202509E**

Explanation: **While city officials advocate for state and federal funding to address the needs of asylum seekers, the city itself must step up with the resources that can be put into place. An expansion of legal services for filing documentation, support services and counseling must be put into place. These services will help people move out of shelters. The city only exacerbates the crises by not providing as much as it can despite the many strains across agencies.**

10 Provide more community board staff

Reference name: **Provide more community board staff**
Full agency name: **Office of Management and Budget**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Community board facilities and staff**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202510E**

Explanation: **Every year we manage hundreds of service delivery requests, a youth conference, a nonprofit roundtable. We've added a lunch and learn series, and a YLC. Increasing responsibilities have been assigned and hiring staff and specialists, such as planners, policy analysts, IT assistance, would help to introduce more initiatives and develop longer range projects. As the most local city agency, we give voice to the individuals who make up our communities. To support serving communities equitably, it is imperative that the city fund and provide language access services at the CB level.**

11 Other expense budget request for DCA

Reference name: **Other expense budget request for DCA**
 Full agency name: **Department of Consumer and Worker Protection**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Consumer and worker protection**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202511E**

Explanation: **DCWP is the licensing and main enforcement agency for the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes. The pace of inspections is slow, and the enforcement mechanisms seem inadequate. It seems that more stores sell these items without a license than with one. Report of sales to minors and sales of flavored vapes are prevalent. If DCWP continues to be the lead agency on this a significant investment must be made in adding and training inspectors. At the state level, OCM is stepping into cannabis enforcement. The Sheriff's office has had impact on some enforcement. NYPD has been marginalized but remains involved where possible. This is an inefficient and less than optimally effective approach.**

12 Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations

Reference name:
 Full agency name: **Housing Preservation and Development**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Housing oversight and emergency housing programs**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202512E**

Explanation: **CD14 has one of the highest serious housing code violations per 1000 units of housing in the city. HPD must be granted enforcement authority that makes a difference. Interagency coordination should be put into place such that DOB will not issue permits in buildings with HPD violations unless needed to address those very violations.**

13 Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing

Reference name: **Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing**

Full agency name: **Human Resources Administration / Department of Social Services**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Homelessness prevention programs**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202513E**

Explanation: **Community District 14 ranks 11th of 59 in the percentage of severely rent burdened household - 35% up from 30% the year before. The District ranks 8th in the percent of renter households that are severely overcrowded. Nearly 35% of renters in the District pay over 50% of their household income on monthly rent. Affordability of rentals (at 80% of AMI) decreased from 2010-2017, from 71.3% to only 49%. These are pressures that lend themselves to homelessness and continued expansion of prevention programs is warranted.**

14 Other foster care and child welfare requests

Reference name: **Other foster care and child welfare requests**

Full agency name: **Administration for Children's Services**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Foster care and child welfare**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202514E**

Explanation: **When asked by survey to rank public safety priorities, 85% of respondents ranked support for cure violence groups, number one. ACS's Division of Youth and Family Justice and the efforts to support violence disrupters programs and organizations is a high priority from a youth service and a public safety perspective. There are several programs that ACS has introduced or grown in recent years. CD14 organizations have applied to the RFP for Family Enrichment Program. We hope they will be awarded. As for foster care and casework, the agency has made positive strides in reducing caseloads and fostered youth is at an all-time low.**

15 Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings

Reference name:
 Full agency name: **Department of Buildings**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202515E**

Explanation: **There is need for more DOB action on illegal conversions in what would be single family homes and in multifamily buildings. Enforcement on illegal curb cuts, parking pads would move the city toward carbon neutrality. Rather than using the tools we have, there is a new zoning text amendment. Short term rentals are not enforced. Some air bnbs have been reported in the already scarce affordable units in the district.**

16 Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

Reference name: **Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program**
 Full agency name: **Department of Youth and Community Development**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Youth workforce development**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202516E**

Explanation: **According to our Youth Conference attendees survey, the biggest draw for the 600 youth who attended our annual conference was jobs. It is imperative that DYCD jobs programs be expanded and dependably funded. Additional focus on building capacity at the CBO level to expand programming into underserved communities is imperative. Cure violence programs depend on significant alternatives. DYCD is poised to support new models of curing violence and expanding opportunities for future leaders.**

17 Hire additional crossing guards

Reference name: **Hire additional crossing guards**
Full agency name: **New York City Police Department**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **NYPD staff and training resources**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202517E**

Explanation: **Additional crossing guards is an ever increasing request. New schools have opened, new developments are in the pipeline. The Community Board defers to the Police Precinct to assign additional crossing guards to new locations. Funding should also cover substitute crossing guards so that intersections are not without this important safety measure when a crossing guard is out for any period of time.**

18 Increase staffing for homebound adult programs

Reference name: **Increase staffing for homebound adult programs**
Full agency name: **Department for the Aging**
BR Type: **E**
Need: **Services for homebound older adults**
Location:
Tracking Code: **214202518E**

Explanation: **Case management, home care, legal services, and transportation services are generally intertwined. There is no way to prioritize the needs of one senior citizen over those of another and it would be folly to provide transportation over home care for a senior who is need of both. The funding of these services must be designed with the approach that support services are inextricable.**

19 Address traffic congestion

Reference name:
 Full agency name: **Department of Transportation**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202519E**

Explanation: **Caton Avenue to Linden Blvd is a truck route. Just south of Caton is Church Avenue - also a truck route. Traffic is gridlocked on Caton nearly endlessly in both directions. DOT has installed Citibikes that force pedestrians into truck traffic on Caton. An express bus lane has been added to Church Avenue, eliminating truck delivery windows. These conditions have pushed more traffic onto sidestreets. DOT must address traffic congestion and review installations that have exacerbated conditions.**

20 Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment

Reference name: **Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment**
 Full agency name: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Substance misuse prevention programs**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202520E**

Explanation: **Street outreach teams, NYPD, and human services organizations report that many people who appear to be unsheltered often have homes but congregate where they can access and use substances. There are few programs available to them unless they are in fact homeless or choose to seek care. This is a woeful and dangerous approach, or lack thereof. Community Mobile and Intesive Mobile teams should be expanded in Brooklyn.**

21 Other programs to address public health issues requests

Reference name: **Other programs to address public health issues requests**

Full agency name: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Programs to address other public health issues**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202521E**

Explanation: **Public health programs that address health disparities with an urgent focus on maternal health are of the highest priorities. Ongoing infection disease concerns, barriers to vaccines whether they be knowledge and understanding based, cultural practices based, language access, etc. must be thoughtfully addressed. Access to quality housing, healthy food choices and outdoor space all contribute systemically to health outcomes and thus cannot be considered singularly, let alone in competition with one another.**

22 Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

Reference name: **Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**

Full agency name: **Department of Buildings**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202522E**

Explanation: **DOB is operating with a 15% deficit in human resources. Many of these unfulfilled positions are inspectors. With the continued growing rate of new construction in the district, this is an urgent priority. Too many complaints are closed out due to lack of access while unpermitted work continues to the point of completion. Better timing of inspections, additional attempts and more detailed follow ups would assist in the ability to enforcement myriad violations.**

23 Increase enforcement of street vending

Reference name:
 Full agency name: **Department of Sanitation**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Sanitation Enforcement**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202523E**

Explanation: **The addition of vendor enforcement has not been adequately resourced. There are not enough San Police and they don't cover specific areas. There is not a transparent reporting system in place.**

24 Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)

Reference name: **Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)**
 Full agency name: **Brooklyn Public Library**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Library facilities, equipment and programs (BPL)**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202524E**

Explanation: **The Community Board supports the continuation and expansion of programs that are so valuable in connecting our community members to literacy and culture. From small children, to teens, adults and older adults, the breadth of library programming is impressive and invaluable. We are grateful that branch managers and program directors are so active with the board and always willing to share and update us regarding new programs and services.**

25 Funding for a new senior center program

Reference name: **Funding for a new senior center program**
 Full agency name: **Department for the Aging**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Senior center programs**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202525E**

Explanation: **Engage in reimagining an RFP for senior centers. The population of persons 65 years old and up in CD14 has increased from 10% in 2010 to 17% in 2021.**

26 Provide more firefighters or EMS workers

Reference name: **Provide more firefighters or EMS workers**
 Full agency name: **New York City Fire Department**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **FDNY programs and staffing**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202526E**

Explanation: **Fund adequate new firefighter, Marshall, EMS and inspector hires. Given the pace of development and the density that is adding to our community, it is imperative that we ensure that staffing remain optimal and that the addition of a 5th firefight on the truck is expanded to firehouses serving our community. The number of firefighters fully trained for all inspections should be at 100%.**

27 Provide commercial lease support for business owners

Reference name: **Provide commercial lease support for business owners**
 Full agency name: **Department of Small Business Services**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Direct business services**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202527E**

Explanation: **Supporting venues that generate social capital and drive economic development is key to post pandemic recovery. Kings Theater was an EDC project that is owned and managed by a private entity and is a for profit enterprise. The city then enacted several policy decisions in the area that undermined the original multi-million-dollar investment in the theater as an economic driver.**

28 Plant new street trees

Reference name:
 Full agency name: **Department of Parks and Recreation**
 BR Type: **E**
 Need: **Street trees and forestry services**
 Location:
 Tracking Code: **214202528E**

Explanation: **There is a lack of enforcement when it comes to developers and planting requirements. Elected officials have used reso funds to plant trees where it was a developers responsibility. Where planting is the city's responsibility it should be properly funded and then adequately pruned.**

29 Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Reference name: **Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations**

Full agency name: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Animal and pest control services**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202529E**

Explanation: **Rodent complaints have risen throughout the city, While DOHMH continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually, these efforts are outpaced by conditions contributing to rodent infestations. DOT's Open Streets for restaurant policy, DOB's abatement rules for construction sites should have better storage and collection policies. DSNY should be better equipped to address illegal drop offs and dumping. A better public education plan so that people understand the downside of feeding feral cats and birds is needed.**

30 Provide or expand NYC organics collection program

Reference name: **Provide or expand NYC organics collection program**

Full agency name: **Department of Sanitation**

BR Type: **E**

Need: **Garbage collection and recycling**

Location:

Tracking Code: **214202530E**

Explanation: **Compost has finally arrived but early observations suggest that adequate resources and logical planning have faltered. Some sectors will have an extra rear loader on the streets - equaling 3 collection trucks per street every recycling day. Other sectors will still have only two truck but they will both be split-backs, which means large put outs and bulk will not be collected on route. Weights will not tell DSNY is another truck should be added to a route. Those with missed collections are told to pull their containers back in until the following week. This will not make for a successful program. A 4x12 truck should be added to make sure everyone is collected on the day they set out compost.**