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FY26 Expense Priorities

1. Increase funding for more Manhattan Outreach Consortium homeless outreach workers and supervisors (DHS)

Explanation: These trained specialists connect people in need of services such as medical and psychiatric care, food and shelter, while helping them transition into permanent housing. The increase in the number of people who are homeless on CB 3 streets along with the need to have some teams expanded to 3 people for safety require additional staff. The case load management has increased to 45 to 50 per case manager due the increase in unhoused people. We understand the process for calling 311 to obtain services, please do not use this as the answer to the request as you have done the last 2 years.

2. Increase funding for more Safe Haven and stabilization beds (DHS)

Explanation: CB 3 is currently experiencing a crisis with the street homeless population and beds in the community are not immediately available for those needing services. Safe Haven beds are low- threshold housing that enable street homeless to transition to housing and have proven effective. Single-person units are needed to accommodate those who are not prepared to accept beds in 2- person units.

3. Promise NYC (ACS)

Explanation: Childcare assistance (vouchers) for families with children between 6 months to 13 not qualified for other state and federal assistance due to their immigration status. At this time, the funding is not baselined, so ACS does not have funding in our budget for FY26. This program, which provides child care assistance to children who are ineligible for federally- and state-funded subsidies due to their immigration status, has been funded with city tax levy.

4. Runaway and Homeless Youth programs (DYCD)

Explanation: These programs serve youth holistically, enabling them to obtain the services needed to place them on a path to independent living and stability. The three types of services include residential services, drop-in centers, and street outreach.

5. City NORCs (DFTA)

Explanation: NORCs in CB 3, of which there are eight, provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents. This program allows seniors to access health and social services in their own buildings, building complexes or locally within their neighborhoods. These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods. Current needs are for more social workers and nurses, more in language capacity, and to expand the number of NORCs.

6. Increase funding for Cornerstone programs (DYCD)

Explanation: Cornerstone programs serves students and their families year-round in NYCHA community centers.

7. Increase funding to expand access to after school programs for elementary and high schools (DYCD)

Explanation: CB 3 is home to more than 17,000 children under 18 years of age, many of whom attend after school programs through Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS), which is made up of over 800 programs serving K-12 and SONYC serving grades 6-8. Many of these much-needed programs in the Lower East Side have waitlists, and with the large number of new asylum seekers there is more need than ever for these services.

8. Increased funding for Bridging the Gap program (DOE)

Explanation: This program focuses investments to add social worker and support staff to schools with high homeless population.

9. Increase funding for school nurses (DOE)

Explanation: At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school. Lack of pay parity makes it very difficult to hire nurses. Currently, nursing expenses outweigh current budget.

10. Red light camera (DOT)

Explanation: The number of red light cameras for NYC has been expanded from 150 to 600 intersections, There is currently a new RFP for a new contract.

11. Bike parking installation (DOT)

Explanation: The demand for delivery has resulted in great increase in delivery workers on bikes, including e-bikes, and a lack of infrastructure to meet the demand. There are complaints from public regarding bikes improperly parked. It currently takes 1 ½ years in queue to have bike parking installed, which is not adequate to meet community needs.

12. Increase funding for senior meals and kitchen staff salaries in senior centers (DFTA)

Explanation: No seniors are denied a meal through this program, which means some senior centers must dig deeper than others to keep up with demand, therefore more funding would help meet this need.

13. Parks Maintenance Staff (Parks)

Explanation: Additional funds are needed to increase year-round workforce for parks maintenance so that there is less of a need to rely on temporary or seasonal staff.

14. Recreation Programs / Playground Associates (Parks)

Explanation: Playground Associates provide seasonal recreation activities for children and also maintain facilities and grounds and organize events.

15. Increased funding for home health care services (DFTA)

Explanation: The Department for the Aging works with case-management agencies to provide in-home care for people ages 60 and older.

16. Vacant Readiness Program: (NYCHA)

Explanation: This program reduces turnover time for vacant NYCHA apartments, which can take over a year. Currently, there are delays and reduced operations capacity that have created a backlog.

17. Increase funding for staffing for grounds maintenance and building maintenance (NYCHA)

Explanation: The Manhattan staffing has not been adequate to meet the needs of building maintenance and grounds maintenance, which are crucial staff positions needed to support our NYCHA buildings.

18. Increase funding for SYEP (DYCD)

Explanation: Increasing and baselining funding for this youth employment program will ensure more applicants are connected with job placements.

19. WorkLearnGrow (DYCD)

Explanation: This program continues SYEP experiences by proving SYEP participants who are between the ages of 16-19 and currently in-school with career readiness training and paid employment opportunities for up to 25 weeks from October to March.

20. Additional Parks Enforcement Police (Parks)

Explanation: Parks Enforcement Police provide a uniformed presence where they safeguard Parks properties and facilities and enforce rules and regulations regarding quality-of-life.

21. Increased Litter Basket Service (DSNY)

Explanation: Litter Basket service must be expanded as CD 3 is a rat mitigation zone and also has many restaurants resulting in more visitors/ overflowing litter baskets. Open Restaurants have increased the amount of garage and cessation of curbside composting has also increased garbage for pickup. Especially on weekends baskets are overflowing. CD 3 streets have become filthy and have piles of garbage between sheds and sidewalk seating and residential garbage is placed in whatever space available due to traditional locations now taken up with restaurant sheds.

22. Street Containerization (DSNY)

Explanation: By the end of the current fiscal year, fy25, 70% of all trash will be mandated to be containerized. In FY 26 the City will start using on street stationary bins in cb 9. This is not funded for FY26. This should be funded for expansion throughout Manhattan and especially CB 3, a rat mitigation zone.

23. Funding for more noise enforcement cameras and staff for the program (DEP)

Explanation: small pilot program is underway that includes the use of a roadside sound meter and camera to capture evidence of vehicles emitting noise in violation of New York State's Vehicle and Traffic Law and the City's Noise Code.

24. Precision Cleaning initiative (DSNY)

Explanation: This program targets work that addresses conditions like illegal dumping and persistent littering.

25. Composting program should be baselined (DSNY)

Explanation: Current funding includes over \$5 million from City Council. Funding needs to be baselined for planning and consistency.

26. Increase funding for waste management staff and operations at NYCHA buildings (NYCHA)

Explanation: Waste management staff and operations funding will help to combat waste and rodent issues and support important physical improvements.

27. Increased funding for Green Housing Preservation Program (HPD)

Explanation: We have a crisis in lack of affordable housing. This program ensures the physical health of buildings and preserves safe affordable housing for low-and moderate-income households. It also reduces building operating expenses and greenhouse gas emissions.

28. Predictive Analytics Program (DOB)

Explanation: Increased funding for this program would increase reporting, improve transparency, and enhance internal reviews.

29. Fair Futures Program (ACS)

Explanation: This is a public-private partnership that provides dedicated coaches, tutors and education, employment and housing specialists for youth in foster care ages 11 to 26. Mentoring is provided for up to 6 months for youth involved in, or at-risk of involvement in, the juvenile or criminal justice system.

30. Increased funding for Green Thumb Staff (Parks)

Explanation: Increased funding for this staff was not baselined. Baselined funding would allow Parks to maintain its current level of staffing.

31. Forestry Staff / Tree pruning and stump removal (Parks)

Explanation: Funding would go towards keeping up with demand for pruning and stump removal requests. This is necessary for public safety.

32. Speed cameras

Explanation: A new RFP has been issued for a new contract but funds have not been allocated for the installation of new speed cameras.