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Hearing on the Fiscal 2014 Preliminary Budget

Community Boards

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Community Boards Overview

There are 59 community boards in New York City: 12 are located in Manhattan; 12 in the Bronx; 14 in Queens; 18 in Brooklyn; and three on Staten Island. Each community board is responsible for cooperating with, advising, and assisting any public agency or office concerning matters that relate to the welfare of the district and its residents. Each board submits recommendations to the Mayor, Borough President, City Council, and other City officials, in the interest of the district. Every board conducts public hearings and submits recommendations on the capital and expense budgets. Community boards play an advisory role in zoning and other land use issues, in community planning and in the coordination of municipal services. Each board is required to hire a full-time district manager and other staff to run a district office, which is responsible for resolving residents' service delivery problems.

Community Boards Financial Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	2012 Actual	2013 Adopted	2013 Prelim. Plan	2014 Prelim. Plan	*Difference 2013 - 2014
Spending					
Personal Services	\$9,983	\$11,026	\$10,883	\$10,098	(\$928)
Other Than Personal Services	2,698	4,334	4,890	4,197	(137)
TOTAL	\$14,314	\$15,360	\$15,773	\$14,295	(\$1,065)
Funding					
City Funds		\$15,360	\$15,368	\$14,295	(\$1,065)
Other Categorical			405		0
TOTAL	\$14,314	\$15,360	\$15,773	\$14,295	(\$1,065)
Positions					
Full-Time Positions - Civilian	155	155	155	155	0

*The difference of Fiscal 2013 Adopted compared to Fiscal 2014 Preliminary Plan funding.

The Fiscal 2014 Preliminary Budget for the Community Boards totals \$14.3 million, \$1.1 million less when compared to the agency's Fiscal 2013 Adopted Budget. This decrease is due to the Program to Eliminate the Gap (PEG) and other minor technical adjustments in prior financial plans. In the 2012 November Plan, OMB set PEG targets for all community boards at 5.4 percent for the current fiscal year and eight percent for Fiscal 2014 and in the outyears. The current year PEG total of \$659,000 was restored by the Council in a budget modification in January 2013, but the outyear PEG of \$924,000 remains in the financial plan.