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Hearing on the Fiscal 2015 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 Actual	2014 Adopted	2014 Prelim. Plan	2015 Prelim. Plan	*Difference 2014 - 2015
Spending						
Personal Services	\$9,983	\$10,106	\$11,104	\$10,955	\$11,022	(\$82)
Other Than Personal Services	4,331	4,281	4,395	4,981	4,337	(\$58)
TOTAL	\$14,314	\$14,387	\$15,499	\$15,936	\$15,359	(\$140)
Funding						
City Funds			\$15,499	\$15,499	\$15,359	(\$140)
State				\$29		\$0
Other Categorical				408		\$0
TOTAL	\$14,314	\$14,387	\$15,499	\$15,936	\$15,359	(\$140)
Positions						
Full-Time Positions - Civilian	155	155	155	155	155	0

*The difference of Fiscal 2014 Adopted compared to Fiscal 2015 Preliminary Plan funding.

The Fiscal 2014 Preliminary Budget for the Community Boards totals \$15.4 million, including \$11 million in Personal Services (PS) funding. Each Board receives a standard allocation of approximately \$207,000 for PS and Other Than Personal Services expenses. The boards receive additional funding for rent and energy costs that vary from board to board. Each Board may also receive funding from other sources, including City Council local discretionary funding.

Throughout the Bloomberg Administration, the Council successfully negotiated the restoration of proposed baselined budget cuts to the Community Boards, on an annual basis. Last year's Executive Budget included baselined funding for all Community Boards beginning in Fiscal 2014.