

## **Queens Civic Congress:**

### **Discretionary funds fill the gap**

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“Pork” may not be Kosher to the editorial boards of New York City's newspapers, but discretionary funding directed by elected officials provides the nourishment that sustains the City's not-for-profits that work at much cheaper cost than an often bloated government bureaucracy.

The non-profits provide vital social services, cultural facilities and programs that the City could not afford to duplicate.

These programs serve millions of the City's residents improving their quality of life.

[Note: Many Queens Civic Congress officers and Queens Civic leaders serve on the boards of exemplary non-profit that serve our youth, seniors or provide cultural, economic development or housing. These leaders know first hand how discretionary funding fills the gap and the bureaucratic process of selecting program leaves too many community in need underserved.]