

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2097**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sarah K. Peake***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>6/20/2023</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2097**

By Representative Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2097) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Eastham be authorized to establish the Eastham community fund for the purposes of providing human service support, emergency financial assistance, and for the general well-being of its residents. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5299 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The town of Eastham is hereby authorized to establish a fund known as the  
2 Eastham Community Fund (the Fund) for the purposes of providing human service support,  
3 emergency financial assistance, and for the general well-being of its residents; and, for the  
4 beautification and general support of programs and projects benefiting the community. Such  
5 fund will operate consistent with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A concerning the  
6 acceptance and expenditure of grants and gifts; and provide the ability for the town to  
7 appropriate monies to the Fund as authorized by town meeting.

8           SECTION 2. Any costs incurred under the provisions of this section may be funded by  
9 an appropriation to the fund as duly authorized by town meeting, gifts, or grants that have been

10 provided to the Fund. Any such appropriation by the town to the fund shall not be included for  
11 the purpose of computation of the levy otherwise imposed upon the town by the general laws.  
12 Expenditure from the Fund may be made without further appropriation.

13 SECTION 3. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a committee known as the Eastham  
14 Community Fund Committee consisting of up to seven (7) members, to establish the policies and  
15 programs of the Eastham Community fund, as approved by the Board of Selectmen. The  
16 Committee shall make grants to individuals and community organizations consistent with the  
17 policies and programs approved by the Board of Selectmen from time to time.

18 SECTION 4. The Board of Selectmen may enact regulations to carry out the Fund's  
19 programs as it determines necessary that are within the general scope and intent of the Act.

20 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.