

**SENATE . . . . . No. 136**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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 establishing the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 136) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program. Community Development and Small Businesses.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 156 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program.

*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. Section 53 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:-

3           There shall be a community non-profit board which shall determine the scope, criteria,  
4 awards process, and solicitation for an investment and grant program for community-based non-  
5 profit organizations. The board shall develop and oversee the Community Non-Profit Investment  
6 and Grant Program which shall be subject to appropriation and shall annually award grants to  
7 community-based organizations to further their work to improve their community or the lives of  
8 others. Any organization organized pursuant to section eight E of chapter twelve that is  
9 organized in the Commonwealth and performs community-based charitable work may be eligible  
10 for application to the commonwealth’s Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program.

11 The grant program shall be organized by the board for the purpose of aiding and strengthening  
12 such corporations, community chests, funds and foundations as are organized and operated  
13 exclusively for nonproprietary and nonprofit-making purposes.

14 SECTION 2. The community non-profit board shall be tasked with developing guidelines  
15 for applications and promulgating regulations for award rounds, criteria for selection, and public  
16 outreach to solicit bids for application and raise awareness of the Community Non-Profit  
17 Investment and Grant Program. The board shall be organized under and overseen by the  
18 Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Massachusetts Cultural Council shall solicit local  
19 organizations for volunteer-based membership of the board. The board shall prepare and  
20 implement the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program within 180 days of the  
21 passage of this act.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.