

SENATE No. 183

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

SENATE No. 183

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 183) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish the Community Non-Profit Investment and Grant Program. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 136 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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.