

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner

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 ensuring municipal access to state funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Bristol and Plymouth

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

An Act ensuring municipal access to state funding.

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 3A of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the
5 executive office of housing and livable communities, in collaboration with the attorney general,
6 shall not condition, restrict, or withhold eligibility for any state funding, grant, or financial
7 assistance including, but not limited to: (1) the MassWorks Infrastructure Program; (2)
8 Community Planning Grants; (3) the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative; (4) Urban Agenda
9 Grants; (5) the Rural and Small Town Development Fund; (6) the Brownfields Redevelopment
10 Fund; (7) the Site Readiness Program; (8) the Underutilized Properties Program; (9) the
11 Collaborative Workspace Program; (10) Real Estate Services Technical Assistance; (11) the
12 Commonwealth Places Program; (12) Land Use Planning Grants; (13) Local Acquisitions for
13 Natural Diversity (LAND) Grants; (14) Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning

14 and Project Grants; and(15) any successor programs or comparable funding initiatives. The
15 executive office shall not condition funding on the basis of a municipality's compliance or
16 noncompliance with this section.