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Direct Support for Communities Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (May 6, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 6, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 6, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 6, 2020
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 6, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 6, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 6, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6748	Identical bill	May 8, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## **Direct Support for Communities Act**

This bill provides FY2020 supplemental appropriations to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to award additional Community Development Block Grants to units of local government and counties to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19).

Specifically, within 30 days, HUD must distribute 50% of such funds to metropolitan cities and other units of local government and 50% to counties and parishes. Such funds may be used to cover costs or replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues stemming from the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

In addition, the funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

## **Actions Timeline**

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