

## HR 8866

### MORE USDA Grants Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Dec 3, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce,

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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. (Dec 3, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8866>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Agriculture Committee         | House   | Referred To | Dec 3, 2020 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Dec 3, 2020 |
| Financial Services Committee  | House   | Referred To | Dec 3, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 116 S 4950 | Identical bill | <b>Dec 2, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. |

## **More Opportunities for Rural Economies from USDA Grants Act or the MORE USDA Grants Act**

This bill revises the process for awarding grants under certain programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to high-density public land counties and any units of tribal and local governments within such counties. A high-density public land county is a county that has a population of not more than 100,000 people and in which more than 50% of the land is owned or managed by the federal government.

Any requirement for local matching funds under a qualifying grant program must be reduced by 50% with respect to such jurisdictions.

On request, USDA must provide additional technical assistance to such jurisdictions before and during the annual application period for each qualifying grant program.

USDA must also prioritize grant applications from such jurisdictions that have not received support under the qualifying grant program during the 10-year period preceding the date of the application.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 3, 2020:** Introduced in House
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