

HR 1779

MORE USDA Grants Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (May 13, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 647	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2021: 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

- **May 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2021:** 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.