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### Direct Support for Communities Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Jan 22, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (Jan 22, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/34>

### Sponsor

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

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 4, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 199	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2021:</b> 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 FY2021 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 and the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

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. These funds may be used to cover costs or replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Additionally, the bill designates the funding as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

## **Actions Timeline**

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