

## S 647

### MORE USDA Grants Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 9, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 9, 2021
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1779	Identical bill	<b>May 13, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

## **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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