

HR 3594

MORE DOT Grants Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6890	Identical bill	Jan 19, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
118 S 1579	Related bill	May 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

This bill revises the process for awarding grants to high-density public land counties and any units of tribal or local governments within such counties under certain Department of Transportation (DOT) programs. Examples of qualifying grant programs include the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program and the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). A *high-density public land county* is a county that has a population of not more than 100,000 people and in which the federal government owns or manages more than 50% of the land.

For these jurisdictions, any requirement for local matching funds under a qualifying grant program must be reduced by 50%.

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

DOT 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.

In approving applications for a qualifying grant program, DOT must give special consideration to an application from a high-density public land county or unit of local government within such a county with respect to any rural-set aside designated for the program. DOT may give special consideration to an application from a tribal government within such a county.

## Actions Timeline

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