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S. 34

To provide funding for cities, counties, and other units of general local government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2021

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

To provide funding for cities, counties, and other units of general local government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Direct Support for
5 Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
8 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for
 2 other purposes, namely:

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4 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
 5 DEVELOPMENT

6 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

8 For an additional amount for the “Community Devel-
 9 opment Fund”, such sums as may be necessary, to remain
 10 available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and re-
 11 spond to coronavirus, which shall be in addition to any
 12 other amounts available for such purposes, of which—

13 (1) 50 percent shall be allocated to metropoli-
 14 tan cities and other units of general local govern-
 15 ment (as those terms are defined in section 102 of
 16 the Housing and Community Development Act of
 17 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)), of which—

18 (A) 70 percent of such sums shall be dis-
 19 tributed, not later than 30 days after the date
 20 of enactment of this Act, pursuant to the for-
 21 mula under section 106(b)(1) of the Housing
 22 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42
 23 U.S.C. 5306(b)(1)) to metropolitan cities that
 24 received allocations pursuant to such formula in
 25 fiscal year 2020; and

1 (B) 30 percent of such sums shall be dis-
2 tributed, not later than 30 days after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, to States (as defined
4 in such section 102) for use by units of general
5 local government, other than counties or par-
6 ishes, in nonentitlement areas (as defined in
7 such section 102) of the State, in amounts
8 equal to the relative sum of the populations of
9 such units of general local government in a
10 State as a proportion of the total population of
11 all such units of general local government in all
12 States: *Provided*, That a State shall pass-
13 through the amounts received under this sub-
14 paragraph within 30 days of receipt to such
15 units of general local government: *Provided fur-*
16 *ther*, That if a State has not elected to dis-
17 tribute amounts allocated under section
18 106(d)(1) of the Housing and Community De-
19 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(1)),
20 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
21 ment shall distribute the applicable amounts
22 under this subparagraph to such units of gen-
23 eral local government in the State not later
24 than 30 days after the date on which the State

1 would otherwise have received the amounts
2 from the Secretary; and

3 (2) 50 percent shall be distributed, not later
4 than 30 days after the date of enactment of this
5 Act, directly to counties and parishes of States, the
6 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
7 Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
9 and American Samoa, in amounts equal to the rel-
10 ative sum of the populations of the counties and par-
11 ishes in a State or such other jurisdiction as a pro-
12 portion of the total population of all the counties
13 and parishes in all States and such other jurisdic-
14 tions: *Provided*, That in calculating the populations
15 of counties and parishes for purposes of this para-
16 graph, the District of Columbia shall be treated as
17 a county: *Provided further*, That no county or parish
18 that is an urban county (as defined in section 102
19 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
20 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) shall receive less than the
21 amount the county or parish would otherwise receive
22 if the amount distributed under this paragraph were
23 allocated to metropolitan cities and urban counties
24 under section 106(b) of the Housing and Commu-
25 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306(b)):

1 *Provided further*, That the amounts otherwise deter-
2 mined for counties and parishes under this para-
3 graph shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis to the
4 extent necessary to comply with the preceding pro-
5 viso: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia
6 may spend the amount received under this para-
7 graph as if it were a county: *Provided further*, That
8 in the case of an amount allocated to a county or
9 parish that does not have a governing body, the
10 amount shall be distributed to the State or such
11 other jurisdiction of the county or parish which, not
12 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of
13 this Act, shall distribute the amount to units of gen-
14 eral local government within the county or parish in
15 amounts equal to the relative population of each
16 such unit of general local government as a propor-
17 tion of the total population of the county or parish:
18 *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, funds made available under this heading may
20 be used to cover costs, or to replace lost, delayed, or de-
21 creased revenues, stemming from the public health emer-
22 gency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-
23 19), including revenues lost, delayed, or decreased during
24 or after the end of such public health emergency as a re-
25 sult of the global and national economic decline caused

1 by the outbreak and response to COVID–19: *Provided fur-*
 2 *ther*, That amounts distributed under paragraph (1) or (2)
 3 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any non-
 4 Federal funds that a State or such other jurisdiction
 5 would otherwise provide to cities, counties, parishes, or
 6 other units of general local government of the State or
 7 other jurisdiction: *Provided further*, That nothing in para-
 8 graph (1) or (2) shall be construed as prohibiting a metro-
 9 politan city and a county or parish that have formed a
 10 consolidated government from each receiving a distribu-
 11 tion under paragraph (1) or (2), as applicable: *Provided*
 12 *further*, That for purposes of this heading, the population
 13 of an entity shall be determined based on the most recent
 14 year for which data are available from the Bureau of the
 15 Census: *Provided further*, That, except as provided in
 16 paragraphs (1) and (2), no requirement or limitation ap-
 17 plicable to funds provided under title I of the Housing and
 18 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
 19 seq.) shall apply to funds made available under this head-
 20 ing and distributed under such paragraphs: *Provided fur-*
 21 *ther*, That such amount is designated by Congress as being
 22 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
 23 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
 24 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

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