

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3242

To expand access to the Rural Community Facilities Program of the  
Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2017

Mrs. HARTZLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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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. EXPANSION OF ACCESS TO THE RURAL COM-**  
4 **MUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM.**

5 Section 343(a)(19)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and  
6 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(19)(C)) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “or (in the case of a determina-  
9 tion made on or after April 1 of any fiscal year)  
10 35,000” before “inhabitants”; and

1           (2) by adding at the end the following: “In  
2           making such a loan or grant on or after April 1 of  
3           any fiscal year, the Secretary shall give priority to  
4           applications with respect to community facilities at  
5           which public safety, health care, and job training are  
6           to be provided.”.

7 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE OF APPLICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED**  
8                           **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR GRANTS**  
9                           **FOR ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
10                          **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

11           Section 306(a)(26) of the Consolidated Farm and  
12 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(26)) is amend-  
13 ed by adding at the end the following::

14                           “(D) NATIONAL APPLICATIONS.—The Sec-  
15                           retary shall allow applications for grants under  
16                           this paragraph from qualified organizations for  
17                           the sole purpose of providing on-site training  
18                           and technical assistance on a national or multi-  
19                           State regional basis.”.

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