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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in American Samoa

As of November 2022

The Biden-Harris Administration has hit the ground running to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and it is already delivering results for the people of American Samoa. To date, almost \$46.8 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to American Samoa. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, American Samoa is set to receive \$11.6 million for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$30 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than, 1,723 households across the territory are receiving affordable internet due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Many more projects will be added in the coming months, as funding opportunities become grant awards and as formula funds become specific projects. By reaching communities all across American Samoa, the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for the people of American Samoa and position the territory for success.

Roads and Bridges: One in five miles, or 173,000 total miles, of our highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges across the United States are in poor condition. Bridges in poor condition pose heightened challenges in communities in American Samoa, which often may rely on a single bridge for the passage of emergency service vehicles. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild our roads and includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Through the Territorial Highway Program, American Samoa would expect to receive approximately \$24 million over five years to rebuild its roads and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, American Samoa has been allocated \$4.6 million through the Territorial Highway Program.

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American.

American Samoa will receive a minimum allocation of at least \$25 million to help ensure high-speed internet coverage across the territory. Additionally, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Affordable Connectivity Program cuts internet bills by up to \$30 per month, or \$75 for households on Tribal lands, and provides a one-time \$100 discount off a connected device. The Biden-Harris Administration is providing further cost savings by working with internet providers to offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by the Affordable Connectivity Program — meaning most eligible households can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

- To date, over 1,723 households in American Samoa are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

Water: Currently, up to 10 million American households across the country connect to water through lead pipes and lack access to clean, safe drinking water. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** Over \$30.8 million has been announced to American Samoa to provide clean and safe water across the territory and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$30.8 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the territory through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$10.7 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$6.8 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022.

Public Transit: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, American Samoa would expect to receive more than \$7.5 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the territory.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, American Samoa has been allocated \$1.5 million to improve public transportation options across the

Clean Buses: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests over \$10 billion for clean public transit and school buses. This includes a \$5 billion investment over the next five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. Use of clean school buses promotes cleaner air, reduced health risks, especially for children, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, American Samoa has been awarded \$395 thousand for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus Program.

Clean Energy & Power: Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 billion annually. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to upgrade our power infrastructure by making the grid more resilient and building thousands of miles of new transmission lines to deliver clean, affordable electricity. The law also makes a historic investment in clean energy technologies like advanced nuclear, clean hydrogen, carbon capture, and batteries, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to improve energy efficiency of homes and lower energy costs for impacted households by an average of \$372 per year.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, over 4 million has been allocated to American Samoa for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
 - \$824,000 for weatherization;
 - \$2.5 million through the State Energy Program;
 - \$699,000 to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

Airports: According to some rankings, no U.S. airports rank in the top 25 of airports worldwide. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$25 billion in airports to replace and modernize airport infrastructure, which helps the US become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhances traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, American Samoa has received almost ^(O&J) \$1.3 million in 2022 for airports.

Ports and Waterways: Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and reimagination. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$17 billion in port infrastructure to strengthen our supply chains, address maintenance backlogs, and reduce congestion and emissions near ports– ultimately helping our country move goods more quickly and at lower cost.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, American Samoa \$2.9 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. American Samoa was recently awarded \$2.1 million for port projects through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Resilience: Millions of Americans feel the effects of climate change and extreme weather every day. More frequent hurricanes, wildfires, heat waves, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to bolster our resilience against pressing challenges like impacts of climate change, extreme weather events, and other hazards like cyberattacks.

- \$300 thousand has been allocated to American Samoa for infrastructure resilience in 2022.

Legacy Pollution Cleanup: Across the country, thousands of former industrial, chemical, and energy sites emit harmful pollutants into surrounding communities. These sites pose harms to health, welfare, and economic prosperity — and disproportionately impact communities of color: 26% of Black Americans and 29% of Hispanic Americans live within 3 miles of a Superfund site, a higher percentage than for Americans overall. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

AMERICAN SAMOA Project Spotlights

Ports Project Spotlight

Mobile Harbor

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$32 million to the Port of Mobile to restore the harbor's capacity and re-build a placement area.

See [here](#) for the full list of U.S. Army Corps projects announced earlier this year.

Airport Project Spotlight

Huntsville International Airport Terminal Expansion

Overview: The Huntsville International airport received a \$10 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project to add more escalators and elevators and increase the capacity of the airport. This project will improve the experience of travelers, reduce delays, and increase accessibility of the airport for families and people with disabilities.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the 2022 Airport Terminal awards announced in early July.

Resilience Project Spotlight

Pine Barren Watershed

Overview: The Department of Agriculture awarded \$19 million to Atmore, Alabama to reduce the impact of flooding through the Pine Barren Watershed project through the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

See [here](#) for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects announced earlier this year.

Ports and Waterways Project Spotlight

Ferry Boat Program - Department of Port Administration - American Samoa Government

The Federal Highway Administration has made \$873,000 available in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to the American Samoa Government's Department of Port Administration. BIL's Ferry Boat Program provides funding for the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities, including ferry maintenance facilities, whether toll or free, and the procurement of transit vehicles used exclusively as an integral part of an intermodal ferry trip. Ferry boats provide essential travel services for residents and visitors in American Samoa.

See [here](#) for more information.

Ports and Waterways Project Spotlight

Aunu'u Wharf Reconstruction Project

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The Maritime Administration (MARAD) awarded the Government of American Samoa \$2.1 million for the Aunu'u Wharf Reconstruction Project in Pago Pago. The grant, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, funds reconstruction of the Aunu'u Wharf, which is the only access point in and out of Aunu'u Island in American Samoa. The Project will reconstruct the existing wharf; perform structural repairs to the existing pilings; construct a new 80-foot-long extension to the wharf; repair and upgrade the existing ramp structure; dredge any excess material surrounding the wharf; and install a new fendering system, bollards, and cleats. The project will comply with the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard.