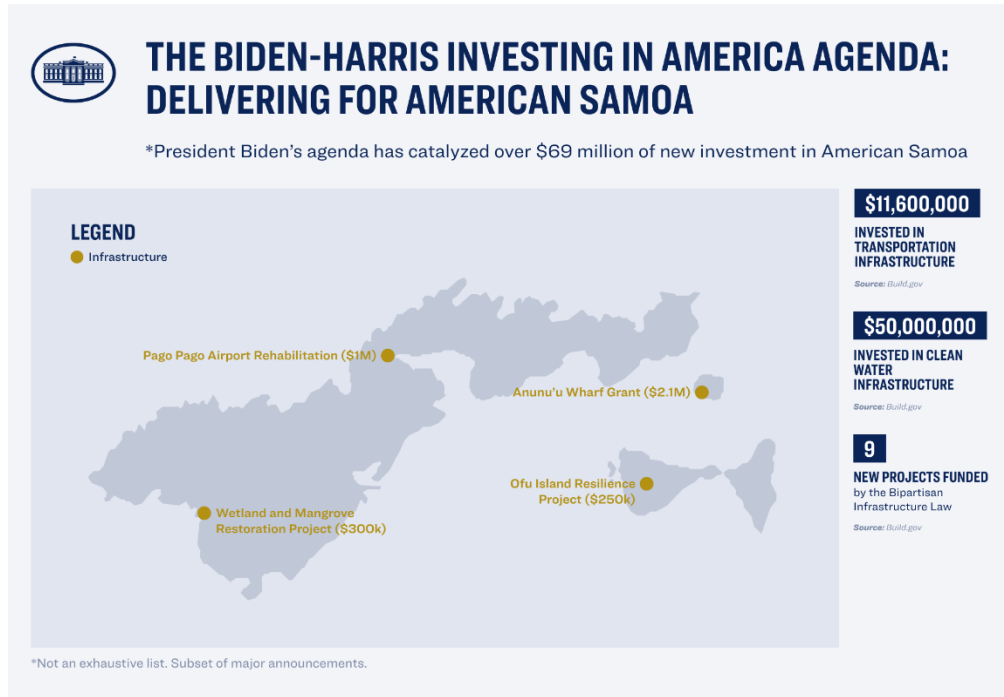


# INVESTING IN AMERICA

## The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America Agenda: Delivering for American Samoa President Biden's agenda has catalyzed over \$69 million of new investment in American Samoa



For decades, the U.S. exported jobs and imported products, while other countries surpassed us in critical sectors like infrastructure, clean energy, semiconductors, and biotechnology. Thanks to President Biden's Investing in America Agenda – including historic legislation signed into law by President Biden such as the American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act – that is changing. Since the President took office in 2021, he has catalyzed **over \$69 million in new investments across American Samoa**. These investments are creating good-paying jobs, including union jobs and jobs that don't require a four-year degree in industries that will boost U.S. competitiveness, rebuild infrastructure, strengthen supply chains, and help build a clean energy economy.

### Rebuilding American Samoa's Infrastructure:

Thanks to President Biden's economic plan, about \$69 million in federal funding has already been announced for 9 infrastructure projects across American Samoa. That includes \$12 million in federal investments to fund transportation projects – roads, bridges, and roadway safety – and over \$50 million for better access to clean water. For example:

- The Government of Samoa was awarded \$2.1 million for the Anunu'u Wharf Reconstruction Project in Pago Pago. The funds will help fortify, repair, and upgrade the Wharf, which is currently Anu'u Island's only access point.
- American Samoa's Department of Port Administration received funds to construct boats and ferry maintenance facilities. These ferries will provide essential travel services for residents and visitors in American Samoa.
- The Ofu Airport was awarded funds for a storm damage reduction and resilience project that will protect the airport's runway from erosion and improve runway safety. Additionally, Ofu Island received funds to complete a feasibility study for a resilience project in Tau Harbor.
- The Pago Pago international airport received \$1 million for runway rehabilitation.

### Creating Clean-Energy Jobs and Combatting the Climate Crisis:

President Biden's Investing in America agenda is delivering a clean, secure, and healthy future for American Samoa families by:

- **Expanding clean energy job opportunities**, with a historic set of incentives that will create positions across solar, wind, storage, and other clean energy industries. For the first time, the Inflation Reduction Act opens up possibilities for offshore wind development along the coasts of American Samoa, allowing the Department of the Interior to conduct wind lease sales in feasible areas following consultations with the Governor.
- **Protecting American Samoa against extreme weather**, with historic investments for more resilient homes, businesses, and communities. This includes dedicated technical assistance funding for climate resilience and expanded support for coastal restoration and protection. In 2018, American Samoa was struck by Tropical Storm Gita, costing the territory up to \$186 million in damages, disproportionately affecting historically underserved communities.
- **Supporting rural communities**, by investing in climate-smart agriculture practices to help farms in American Samoa lead on climate solutions, and providing agricultural producers and rural small businesses in American Samoa with support for clean energy and energy efficiency upgrades.

#### **Lowering Costs for American Samoa Families:**

Thanks to legislation in President Biden's Investing in America agenda, American Samoa residents are saving money on their health care premiums and prescription drugs, high-speed internet, and home energy costs. In fact:

- **Over 2,700 American Samoa residents with Medicare** will benefit from the \$2,000 yearly cap on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, a \$35 monthly cap per insulin prescription, and free vaccines.
- **New rebates will make it more affordable for families in American Samoa** to purchase energy efficient appliances when they need to, make repairs around their homes, and save money on their utility bills each month.
- **Nearly 2,000 American Samoa households are able to access affordable high-speed internet** through the Affordable Connectivity Program investments made as part of the President's Investing in America agenda.

Extreme MAGA Republicans in Congress have proposed legislation to ship manufacturing jobs overseas, as well as increase health care costs, energy costs, and prescription drug prices for working families. President Biden and Congressional Democrats believe we need to finish the job, and continue to build the economy from the bottom up and middle out, not top down.