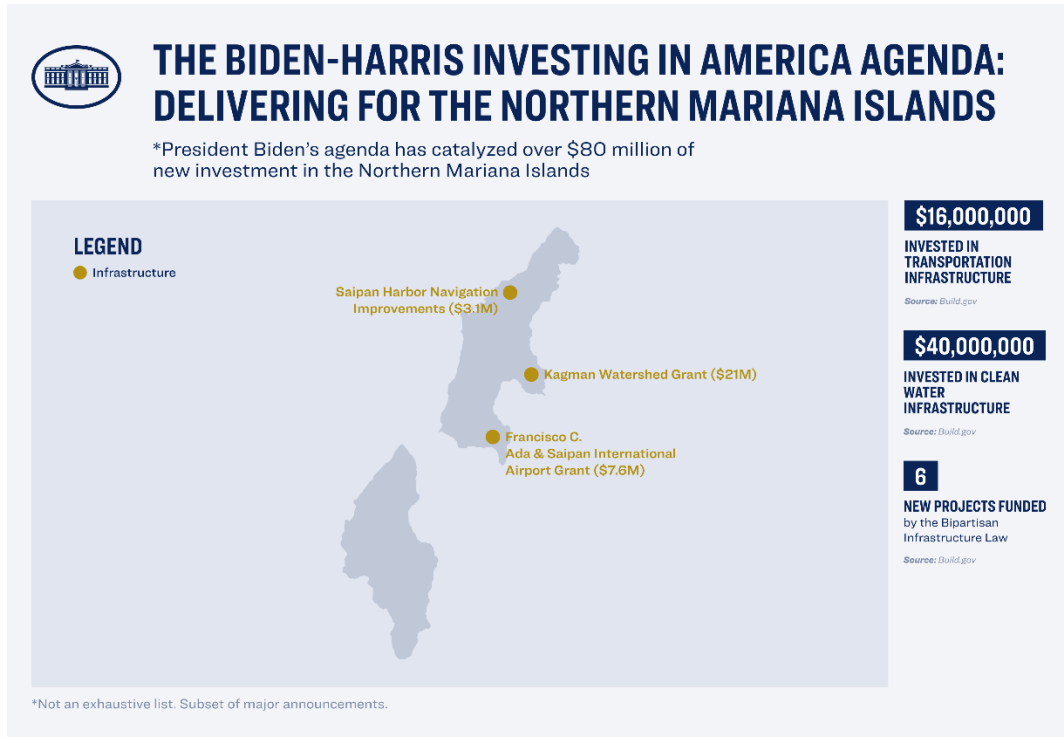


INVESTING IN AMERICA

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America Agenda: Delivering for the Northern Mariana Islands *President Biden's agenda has catalyzed over \$80 million of new investment in the Northern Mariana Islands*



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 \$80 million in new investments across the Northern Mariana Islands**. 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 the Northern Mariana Islands' Infrastructure:

Thanks to President Biden's economic plan, about \$83 million in federal funding has already been announced for 6 infrastructure projects across the Northern Mariana Islands. That includes \$16 million in federal investments to fund transportation projects – roads, bridges, and roadway safety – and over \$40 million for better access to clean water. For example:

- The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Commonwealth Port Authority a \$3.1 million Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to support planning work for Saipan Harbor Navigation Improvements.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded \$21 million to strengthen safeguards against flooding, enhance irrigation infrastructure, and secure marine habitats in the Kagman watershed.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation also awarded over \$7.6 million to Francisco C. Ada & Saipan International Airport to improve the airport's facilities.

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 the Northern Mariana Islands' 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 the Northern Mariana Islands, allowing the Department of the Interior to conduct wind lease sales in feasible areas following consultations with the Governor.
- **Protecting the Northern Mariana Islands 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, Typhoon Yutu, the biggest storm to hit U.S. soil since 1935, struck the Northern Mariana Islands, costing the territory at least \$1.5 billion in damages and disproportionately affecting historically underserved communities.
- **Supporting rural communities**, by investing in climate-smart agriculture practices to help farms in the Northern Mariana Islands lead on climate solutions, and providing agricultural producers and rural small businesses in the Northern Mariana Islands with support for clean energy and energy efficiency upgrades.

Lowering Costs for the Northern Mariana Islands' Families:

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

- **Over 2,000 Northern Mariana Islands 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 the Northern Mariana Islands** to purchase energy efficient appliances when they need to, make repairs around their homes, and save money on their utility bills each month.
- **Over 3,000 Northern Mariana Islands 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.