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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Wisconsin

As of March 2023

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 Wisconsin. To date, \$2.8 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Wisconsin with over 182 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.4 billion has been announced for transportation -- to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$176 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 317,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed 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 Wisconsin – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Wisconsinites and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Wisconsin, there are 979 bridges and over 1,949 miles of highway in poor condition. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild our roads and includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Based on formula funding alone, Wisconsin is expected to receive approximately \$5.4 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.1 billion has been announced in Wisconsin for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$2 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$31.3 million through the RAISE program and \$80 million through the INFRA program in 2022 and 2023.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 22% of Wisconsinites do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Wisconsin will receive a minimum allocation of at least \$100 million to help ensure high-speed internet coverage across the state. Additionally, experts estimate that as many as 849,000 households in Wisconsin are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which 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.

- **Progress to date:** To date, Wisconsin has received \$5 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 317,000 households in Wisconsin 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:** 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:** To date, \$176 million has been announced to Wisconsin to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$168 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$48.3 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$30.7 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Wisconsin would expect to receive approximately \$599 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Wisconsin, where non-white households are 5.9

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<sup>1</sup> Transit formula funding amounts are subject to changes resulting from the 2020 census or from annual transit service data reported to FTA's National Transit Database.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 37% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Wisconsin has been allocated \$115.1 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Clean Buses:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure 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, schools in Wisconsin have been awarded \$25.8 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Wisconsin were awarded \$3.8 million for clean transit buses and improved bus service through DOT's Low- and No-Emission Bus and Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

**Electric Vehicle Charging:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$7.5 billion to build the first-ever national network of electric vehicle chargers in the United States and is a critical element of President Biden's plan to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. Through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program alone, Wisconsin should expect to receive roughly \$79 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Wisconsin has been allocated \$28.4 million in 2022 and 2023 to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

**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, approximately \$115.7 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:

- \$95 million for weatherization;
- \$7.9 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$6.5 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$6.1 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months; and

**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 enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Wisconsin has received approximately \$42.4 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and investment. 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, Wisconsin has received roughly \$32.1 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Wisconsin was awarded \$10.1 million for 1 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. In the last decade, Wisconsin has experienced 49 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$20 billion in damages. 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$75.1 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$9.2 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.

**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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$6.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

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

## Wisconsin Project Spotlights

### ***Airport Funding Project Spotlight***

#### **General Mitchell International Airport Project**

Overview: The General Mitchell International Airport Project in Milwaukee has been awarded \$5.1 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This project will replace flat roof areas on airport buildings that have reached the end of their useful life. Funds will be used to finance both design and construction activity to remove existing roof material and install a new roof – making the buildings more resilient to weather and energy efficient.

See [here](#) for more information about Airport Funding for General Mitchell Airport.

### ***INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridges Project**

Overview: Columbia County, Wisconsin will receive \$80 million from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to replace the existing I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridge with two new bridge spans dedicated to serving traffic flowing in opposite directions. The two overcrossing bridges for nearby county roads will also be replaced as part of the project. The route links Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago – and serves as a key connector for these cities and major tourism destinations in other parts of the state.

See [here](#) for the full list of INFRA Grant recipients

### ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **Gateways to Opportunity Project**

Overview: This \$13.5 million DOT grant will help fund the replacement of an existing two-lane structure over Springbrook Creek in northeastern Wisconsin with a new four-lane structure that includes both bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The project will reconstruct and upgrade parts of Willowbrook Road – and create three multilane roundabouts, as well as railroad crossing improvements on Colley Road. The project will improve traffic and transit quality in the area, while improving access to essential, recreational, and tourist destinations.

See [here](#) for the full list of RAISE Grant recipients

### ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **Forest County Potawatomi Community Multimodal Safety & Connectivity Project**

Overview: This \$9 million dollar RAISE Grant from the Department of Transportation will construct an approximately 4.8-mile walking and biking path along US Highway 8 to link the City of Crandon, Wisconsin, the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) Stone Lake reservation lands, and the Otter Springs Recreation Area. The project will also construct a 0.56-mile pathway within the FCPC Government complex, as well as an approximate 1.64-mile formal ATV-only trail.

See [here](#) for the full list of RAISE Grant recipients.

### ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **Sheboygan Bicycle and Pedestrian Swing Bridge Project**

Overview: This \$5 million grant from the Department of Transportation will help build a shared-use swing bridge for pedestrian, bike and other non-motorized travel, which will provide a safe pathway across the Sheboygan River. The project will increase safe pedestrian and bike options, thereby reducing emissions, and will improve at-risk infrastructure by considering improvements to the flood plain in the project area. The bridge will connect two waterfront districts located on either side of the Sheboygan River and provide access to work centers, recreational activities, health care and other services to the community including those who are underserved, overburdened, and disadvantaged.

See [here](#) for the full list of RAISE Grant recipients.