
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in District of Columbia

As of May 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 District of Columbia. To date, \$1.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to District of Columbia with over 10 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$924.8 million has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$151 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 49,000 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 District of Columbia – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for the people of D.C. and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In District of Columbia, there are 8 bridges and over 402 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, District of Columbia is expected to receive approximately \$1.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$517 million has been announced in District of Columbia for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$501 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.

Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of April 20, 2023

- \$10 million through the RAISE 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 20% of the people of D.C. do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. District of Columbia 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 102,000 households in District of Columbia 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, District of Columbia 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 49,000 households in District of Columbia 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, \$151 million has been announced to District of Columbia to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$151 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, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 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, District of Columbia would expect to receive approximately \$1.6 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand

¹ 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.

healthy, sustainable transportation options in District of Columbia, where 9% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, District of Columbia has been allocated \$307.9 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 District of Columbia have been awarded \$7.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in District of Columbia were awarded \$9.6 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, District of Columbia should expect to receive roughly \$17 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** District of Columbia has been allocated \$6 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 \$13 million has been allocated to District of Columbia for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:

- \$5.2 million for weatherization;
- \$3 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$1.7 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$3.1 million 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 U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

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.

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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$116.5 million has been allocated to District of Columbia for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$6.3 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.

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

District of Columbia Project Spotlights

Bridge Project Spotlight

Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge

The Department of Transportation awarded \$72 million for the rehabilitation of the northbound I-395 bridge, also known as the Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge. This is a four-lane, nearly half-mile bridge that carries people and goods from Arlington, Virginia, over the Potomac River to Washington, D.C. Over 88,000 vehicles cross this bridge every day and project sponsors estimate that this project will save millions of dollars in reduced maintenance costs, while improving travel times and safety for users.

See [here](#) for more information on recently announced rehabilitation bridge projects.

Roads and Bridges Project Spotlight

South Capitol Street Trail Construction

The Department of Transportation awarded \$10 million in Rebuilding America with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds to the District Department of Transportation to construct a nearly four-mile walking and biking trail between South Capitol St./Firth Sterling Ave. SE and the Oxon Hill Farm Trail along DC Village Lane. The trail will extend the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail network into the southernmost areas of the District. The trail will provide pedestrians and cyclists with a safe, off-street transportation corridor, and provides disadvantaged neighborhoods with connections to the public transit system with access to jobs, schools, businesses, and recreational opportunities. There are strong workforce elements in this project -- over half of worked hours must be performed by residents of the District of Columbia and 20 percent of work under the project is reserved for journey-level positions.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants through the RAISE program.

Transportation Safety Project Spotlight

Tier 1: Research and Education in Promoting Safety

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded \$2 million per year to Howard University to research innovative methods to increase safety in public transportation.

The project will promote safety for all transportation modes and provide educational opportunities, particularly for underrepresented students.

See [here](#) for more information on University Transportation Centers funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Clean Buses Project Spotlight

D.C. Department of Transportation Clean Buses

The Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration has awarded \$9.5 million to the D.C. Department of Transportation to buy battery electric buses to replace diesel vehicles and increase the size of the DC Circulator fleet through DOT's Low- and No- Emission Bus Program. These investments will improve mobility and access to opportunities among low-income and underserved communities as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

See [here](#) for more information on Low or No Emission Bus programs announced in 2022.

Resilience Project Spotlight

Inland Flood Risk Management

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$6.2 million to the District of Columbia for a project to reduce inland flood risk.

See [here](#) for the full list of U.S. Army Corps projects announced in 2022.