
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Tennessee

As of July 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 Tennessee. To date, \$4.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Tennessee with over 236 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$3 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$319 million has been announced for clean water. As of today, more than 391,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed internet due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. To date, Tennessee has received \$813.3 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. 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 Tennessee – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Tennesseans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Tennessee, there are 881 bridges and over 284 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, Tennessee is expected to receive approximately \$6.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.6 billion has been announced in Tennessee for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2.3 billion in highway formula funding and \$161.3 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.

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- \$101.3 million through the RAISE program and \$22.6 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 26% of Tennesseans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Additionally, experts estimate that as many as 1,131,000 households in Tennessee 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, Tennessee has received \$813.3 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 391,000 households in Tennessee 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, \$320 million has been announced to Tennessee to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$320 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, \$139 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$66.7 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, Tennessee would expect to receive approximately \$651 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Tennessee, where non-white households are 5.6

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.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 23% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Tennessee has been allocated \$123.5 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

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, schools in Tennessee have been awarded \$16.8 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Tennessee were awarded \$26 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, Tennessee should expect to receive roughly \$88 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Tennessee has been allocated \$31.9 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 \$403.1 million has been allocated to Tennessee for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:

- \$66.3 million for weatherization;
- \$8.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$7.3 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$15.2 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months; and
- \$291.7 million to help strengthen the battery supply chain.

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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Tennessee has received approximately \$149 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, Tennessee has received roughly \$15.2 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways.

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, Tennessee has experienced 40 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$8 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 \$91.8 million has been allocated to Tennessee for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$22.1 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 \$8.6 million has been allocated to Tennessee in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$34.3 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.

Tennessee Project Spotlights

Batteries & Critical Materials Spotlight

Synthetic Graphite Anode Material Processing

The Department of Energy awarded a \$150 million grant to NOVONIX Anode Materials, LLC to build a new plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This plant will produce up to 30,000 metric tons per year of graphite targeted at the electric vehicle and energy storage sectors industry. The project includes significant involvement and support from local high schools, colleges, and universities. It will directly create over 1,000 clean-energy, good-paying jobs. The grant funds will assist with active recruitment among traditionally marginalized communities.

See [here](#) for more information.

Roads and Bridges INFRA Project Spotlight

I-40 Truck Parking and Bridges Replacement

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Smith County, Tennessee \$22.6 million for a project that will upgrade welcome center ramps to meet current standards, add approximately 125 truck parking spaces, and upgrade the adjacent bridge structures on I-40 over the Caney Fork River. The project increases access to truck parking and reduces illegally parked commercial vehicles that cause safety hazards,

both supporting the National Roadway Safety Strategy and improving operations and efficiency on a critical freight corridor.

See [here](#) for more information on INFRA programs that were announced.

Airport Project Spotlights

Memphis International Airport

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded \$14.8 million to the Memphis International Airport as part of the Airport Terminals Program. The funds will go toward modernizing the landslide terminal through a reconfiguration of the ticket counters as well as the installation of new ticketing technology and fire suppression systems. The project will also expand the passenger security screening area to accommodate more travelers and reduce travel time.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the Airport Terminal Program awards

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Crosstown Corridor Safety and Multi-Modal Enhancement

The Department of Transportation awarded the Memphis Area Transit Authority approximately \$25 million to fund complete streets improvements and Bus Rapid Transit service along an approximately 26-mile corridor. Improvements include sidewalks, enhanced bus stations, intersection and signalization improvements, traffic signal prioritization, and ADA enhancements. The project implements transit-oriented development with the expanded transit and active transportation network along the Crosstown Corridor. The project will benefit residents and businesses in low-income and disadvantaged communities and minimize displacement. It provides transit access to medical centers, jobs, and regions where mobility on-demand is available which increases employment opportunities for these communities.

See [here](#) for a full list of RAISE projects

Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Spotlight

Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority

The Department of Transportation awarded \$5 million to the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority to build the new Hickory Hollow Transit Center in Southeast Nashville. The project will contribute to redeveloping a former mall into a community services complex featuring convenient bus transfers, pedestrian and bike access, and car and van pool pick-up.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY23 Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant projects

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Batteries & Critical Materials Spotlight

Piedmont Lithium Investment in Tennessee

The Department of Energy awarded a \$141 million grant to Piedmont Lithium to produce 30,000 metric tons per year of lithium hydroxide for the domestic battery and EV market. The investment will create 120 new, direct jobs. As part of this project Piedmont Lithium will develop partnerships with local colleges, universities, and high schools to support training and recruitment of new talent in the community.

See [here](#) for more information.

Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight

Economic Development Growth Engine for Memphis and Shelby County (EDGE)

EPA awarded \$1 million to the Economic Development Growth Engine for Memphis and Shelby County (EDGE) through the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which EDGE will provide three loans and two subgrants to support cleanup activities. Grant funds also will be used to market the RLF program and conduct community engagement activities. RLF activities will focus on the City of Memphis' urban core. Priority sites include a 5.5-acre historic school for African Americans, the 15.1-acre former Wabash Screen and Door manufacturing facility, a 0.2-acre former dry-cleaning facility, and the Crosstown Mound property, where a pile of contaminated soil occupying over 9.6 acres was stockpiled by the state in the late 1960s.

See [here](#) for a full list of Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) recipients.