
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Delaware

As of March 2024

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 Delaware. To date, \$1.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Delaware with over 63 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$196 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Delaware received \$132.6 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 52,000 Delaware households are already saving on their monthly internet bill 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 Delaware – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Delawareans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Delaware, there are 14 bridges and over 259 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, Delaware is expected to receive approximately \$1.4 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$889 million has been announced in Delaware for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$699.9 million in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
 - \$50 million through the RAISE program to date.

Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of March 7, 2024

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet over 2,052 homes and small businesses in Delaware do not have access to high-speed internet infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to everyone in America. The Biden-Harris Administration worked 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. Now, the Biden-Harris Administration is calling on Congress to extend this program through 2024. Without action from Congress, millions of Americans will lose their internet connection and the economic opportunities that come with it. See ACP enrollment for every state and territory [here](#).

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Delaware has received \$132.6 million for high-speed internet. Delaware has received \$107.7 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Delaware. In addition, about 52,000 households in Delaware are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Water: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in water infrastructure in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$196 million has been announced to Delaware to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$194 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$37.9 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$62 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement.

Public Transit: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Delaware would expect to receive approximately \$186 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 Delaware, where non-white households are 3.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 23% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Delaware has been allocated \$91.2 million to improve public transportation options across the state.

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.

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. Announced funding to date will double the number of clean transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** Schools in Delaware have been awarded \$809,000 through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Delaware were awarded \$8.7 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, Delaware should expect to receive roughly \$18 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$10.2 million has been announced in Delaware to date to build out a network of EV chargers in the state.

Clean Energy & Power: Power outages cost the U.S. economy about \$150 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:** Approximately \$30.3 million has been allocated to Delaware for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$10.2 million for weatherization;
 - \$3.3 million through the State Energy Program;
 - \$3.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
 - \$12.2 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient.

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:** Delaware has received approximately \$9.5 million for airports.

Ports and Waterways: 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:** Delaware has received roughly \$110.6 million for ports and waterways. Delaware was awarded \$33.4 million for a port project 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, Delaware has experienced 9 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$400 million 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:** Approximately \$43.2 million has been allocated to Delaware for infrastructure resilience including \$8.1 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:** \$1.2 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites.

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

Delaware Project Spotlights

Clean Energy Project Spotlight

Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2)

The Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub spans the Delaware River and includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, and southern New Jersey. This Hydrogen Hub has been awarded up to \$750 million to help unlock hydrogen-driven decarbonization in the Mid-Atlantic while repurposing historic oil infrastructure and using existing rights-of-way. It will reduce carbon emissions by approximately 1 million metric tons per year, which is roughly equivalent to taking 220,000 cars off the road. As part of its labor and workforce commitments to the community, the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Hub plans to negotiate Project Labor Agreements for all projects and provide close to \$14 million for regional Workforce Development Boards that will serve as partners for community college training and pre-apprenticeships.

See [here](#) for a full list of the selected Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs.

Ports and Waterways Project Spotlight

Edgemoor Container Terminal – Container Yard Project

The Department of Transportation awarded \$50 million the Port of Wilmington to construct a container yard at the Port of Wilmington featuring all-electric operations, a new modern truck gate complex, and terminal buildings, including an approximately 100,000-square-foot warehouse and inspection platform.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program projects.

RAISE Project Spotlight

New Castle County

The Department of Transportation awarded \$23 million to New Castle County to fund the construction of a two-mile, ADA accessible, shared-use path connection between

the Town of Newport and the Jack A. Markell Trail in Wilmington. The new path will improve safety by creating a safe connection that separates bicyclists and pedestrians from high traffic volumes and vehicles speeds.

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

Low- and No-Emission Project Spotlight

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC)

The Department of Transportation awarded \$8.7 million to Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) to buy battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell-electric buses to replace older diesel buses. This project will improve service reliability and air quality throughout Delaware.

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

Ports and Waterways Project Spotlight

Inland Waterway Dredging from Rehoboth Bay to Delaware Bay

The Army Corps of Engineers invested nearly \$4 million in dredging and surveys on the intracoastal waterway from Rehoboth Bay to Delaware Bay.

See [here](#) for a list of U.S. Army Corps projects that have been announced.

SMART Project Spotlight

Future-Ready Delaware: Technology Enhancements for Safe, Resilient Intersections

The Department of Transportation has awarded over \$1.9 million to the Delaware Department of Transportation to deploy cloud-based vehicle to-everything technology (CbV2X) and optimized signal timing along statewide roadways. The project goal is to reduce congestion and increase traveler safety.

See [here](#) for more information on the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program.

Clean Energy and Power Project Spotlight

Energy Conservation Project for University of Delaware

The Department of Energy awarded the University of Delaware – along with 36 other schools - \$7 million to expand the Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) program. The IAC program is a cohort of colleges and universities across the country that help small- and medium-sized manufacturers save energy, improve productivity, and reduce waste by providing no-cost technical assessments.

See [here](#) for more details on this funding announcement to decarbonize manufacturing.

Resilience Project Spotlight

Delaware Coastal Storm Risk Management

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has invested \$21 million to protect Delaware's coastline from storms along three stretches of coast: from Bethany Beach to South Bethany Beach, from Rehoboth Beach to Dewey Beach, and from Roosevelt Inlet to Dewey Beach. These projects involve building and maintaining sand dunes and berms along the beaches to buffer storm surges and prevent flooding during coastal storms that has previously severely impacted coastal communities.

See [here](#) for a list of U.S. Army Corps projects that have been announced.

Clean Bus Project Spotlight

Delaware Transit Corporation Electric Buses and Chargers

Overview: The Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration has awarded the Delaware Transit Corporation \$11 million in Bus and Bus Facility program funds to install overhead charging stations, a large charger containing individual chargers and a hydrogen fueling station, all of which will support the purchase of an estimated battery-electric buses and hydrogen fuel-cell electric buses. FTA's FY22 Low- and No-Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities programs will provide \$1.66 billion in grants to transit agencies, territories and states across the country to invest in bus fleets and facilities. Funded by the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the majority of funded projects will use zero-emissions technology, which reduces air pollution and helps meet the President's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

See [here](#) for more information on announced Bus and Bus Facility programs.