
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Idaho

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 Idaho. To date, \$2.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Idaho with over 330 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.6 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$274 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Idaho received \$639.9 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 54,000 Idaho 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 Idaho – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Idahoans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Idaho, there are 234 bridges and over 481 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, Idaho is expected to receive approximately \$2.2 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.4 billion has been announced in Idaho for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$1.2 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
 - \$41.5 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 85,902 homes and small businesses in Idaho 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, Idaho has received \$639.9 million for high-speed internet. Idaho has received \$583.3 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Idaho. Idaho also received \$6.2 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 54,000 households in Idaho 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:** \$274 million has been announced to Idaho 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, \$57 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, Idaho would expect to receive approximately \$194 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 Idaho, where non-white households are 1.3 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 38% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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.

- **Announced funding to date:** Idaho has been allocated \$92.1 million to improve public transportation options across the state.

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 Idaho have been awarded \$5.1 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Idaho were awarded \$17.4 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, Idaho should expect to receive roughly \$30 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$23.4 million has been announced in Idaho 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 \$73 million has been allocated to Idaho for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$19.4 million for weatherization;
 - \$4 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$3.8 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$16 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:** Idaho has received approximately \$61.6 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:** Idaho has received roughly \$14.1 million 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, Idaho has experienced 12 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$2 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:** Approximately \$112.1 million has been allocated to Idaho for infrastructure resilience, including \$10.3 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.

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

Idaho Project Spotlights

RAISE Project Spotlight

North Portneuf Crossing

The Department of Transportation awarded \$7.8 million to the City of Pocatello to make traffic safety improvements at the intersection of North Kraft Road and North Main Extension. The project will improve safety and encourage active transportation by adding non-motorized travel paths, crosswalks, and enhanced medians. The project will also enhance connections to recreational facilities and include the deployment of technology for real-time monitoring and freight priority.

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

Renew America's Schools Project Spotlight

St. Maries School District

The Department of Energy awarded \$14.2 million to St. Maries School District to install air source heat pump chillers and perform envelope upgrades. This first-of-its-kind investment will help school communities make energy upgrades that lower utility costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments.

See [here](#) to learn more about the selectees for the Renew America's Schools grant.

Aging Infrastructure Project Spotlight

New York Canal

The Department of the Interior awarded \$4 million to line six miles of the New York Canal with Huesker lining between Boise Ave and Orchard Street Intersection. The canal plays a vital role in water conservation, drought resiliency, and safe and reliable water delivery for the Treasure Valley. The project will improve safety in urbanized areas, conserve water lost to seepage, and support the continuation of providing clean, reliable water to communities, irrigators, and ecosystems across the west.

See [here](#) for more aging infrastructure projects.

Airport Project Spotlight

Idaho Falls Regional Airport

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration awarded the Idaho Falls Regional Airport with \$5.2 million to improve its terminal building. This grant will expand ticketing, baggage screening, passenger exiting and restroom areas. The project will also include consolidation of the electrical and mechanical systems to improve the energy efficiency of the terminal.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the Airport Terminal awards and here for 2023 Airport Terminal Selections.

Community Wildfire Prevention Spotlight

Clark County Roadside Fuel Breaks

The Department of Agriculture's Forest Service has awarded \$690,000 to the Idaho Department of Lands to complete the implementation of 53 miles of right-of-way fuel breaks in a stretch of sagebrush steppe, resulting in improved wildfire protection for communities in Dubois, Kilgore, Spencer, and Medicine Lodge. This project will provide for wildfire defense for an area with over 700 residence/structures.

See [here](#) for more information on the Community Wildfire Defense Grants.

Resilience Project Spotlight

Southwest Idaho Wildfire Risk Reduction

The Department of Agriculture invested \$17 million to Southwest Idaho through the Forest Service for wildfire risk reduction through fuel breaks.

See [here](#) for the full list of initial landscape investments for wildfire resilience announced in 2022.

Clean School Bus Project Spotlight

Clean School Buses for Genesee and McCall-Donnelly Districts

The Environmental Protection Agency has allocated \$5 million through the agency's Clean School Bus Program to support the purchase of 3 electric school buses for the Genesee Joint School District and 10 electric school buses for McCall-Donnelly Joint

School District. These electric school buses will decrease the districts' carbon footprint while also ensuring that schools provide the necessary transportation for their students.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 Clean School Bus Grant recipients.

Rail Project Spotlight

SH-53 Pleasant View Grade Separation Project

The Department of Transportation awarded the Idaho Department of Transportation \$36 million to support right-of-way acquisition and construction of a highway interchange and highway-rail grade separation at the intersection of State Highway 53 and Pleasant Valley Road in Hauser, ID. Three existing highway-rail grade crossings will be closed along a two-mile segment of BNSF's corridor.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY22 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant awards.