
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Kansas

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 Kansas. To date, \$3.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Kansas with over 376 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$257 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Kansas received \$578.5 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 134,000 Kansas 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 Kansas – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Kansans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Kansas, there are 1,294 bridges and over 1,967 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, Kansas is expected to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.8 billion has been announced in Kansas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$1.5 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

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

- \$85.3 million through the RAISE program to date.

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet over 87,489 homes and small businesses in Kansas 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, Kansas has received \$578.5 million for high-speed internet. Kansas has received \$451.7 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Kansas. Kansas also received \$42.5 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 134,000 households in Kansas 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:** \$257 million has been announced to Kansas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$240 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$58 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$73.4 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, Kansas would expect to receive approximately \$259 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 Kansas, where non-white households are 3 times

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.

more likely to commute via public transportation and 16% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Kansas has been allocated \$125 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 Kansas have been awarded \$6.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Kansas were awarded \$14.5 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, Kansas should expect to receive roughly \$40 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$22.7 million has been announced in Kansas 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 \$164.4 million has been allocated to Kansas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$32 million for weatherization;

- \$5.4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$4.6 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$117.6 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:** Kansas has received approximately \$87.3 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:** Kansas has received roughly \$23.8 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, Kansas has experienced 38 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$13 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 \$88.6 million has been allocated to Kansas for infrastructure resilience including \$38.3 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$32.1 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$59.7 million has been allocated to Kansas for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands.

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

Kansas Project Spotlights

Grid Resilience Spotlight

Transmission Line Rebuild/Replacement for Wildfire Mitigation and Renewable Resource Access

Midwest Energy is receiving up to nearly \$97 million from the Department of Energy for transmission system and substation protection upgrades in central and western Kansas. The project will address the transmission capacity, age, and condition of facilities, as well as wildfire mitigation and improved access to renewable energy in western Kansas. The project will accelerate grid infrastructure upgrades, rebuilding and/or replacing 150 miles of transmission lines across seven counties, updating substation protection equipment in four counties, and building one new substation to serve a growing urban load.

See [here](#) for more information about recent grid resilience announcements.

Rail Project Spotlight

Project to replace 37 miles of rail on the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL)

The Department of Transportation has awarded over \$31.2 million to the Kansas Department of Transportation for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Kansas through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The proposed project involves construction activities for track-related improvements on the Neodesha Subdivision of the South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL). The project will improve approximately 37 miles of rail resulting in improved operations and capacity. The project will help SKOL to enhance economic competitiveness and meet customer demand, including a new soybean crushing facility.

See [here](#) for a full list of CRISI awards.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Church Street Community Connectivity and Multimodal Enhancements

The Department of Transportation awarded the city of Eudora \$21.3 million to fund the reconstruction of approximately one mile of road from 20th Street to 28th Street, converting the existing two-lane road to a three-lane road with a center turn lane, new shared-used paths, realignment of the 20th Street intersection, installation of roundabouts, new stormwater infrastructure and connection to future shared-use improvements. The city of Eudora is currently bisected by the K-10 highway, creating a significant physical barrier between the northern and southern sections of the community. Project improvements would overcome this barrier, while providing safer access to the schools and other daily destinations.

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

Middle Mile Broadband Spotlight

Kansas Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce awarded approximately \$42 million to Kansas Departments of Commerce and Transportation to create a 682-mile open-access middle-mile fiber optic and network, with plans to connect multiple new internet exchange points throughout the State. The proposed network will support the needs of last-mile service providers, increase capabilities for anchor institutions, enable connections to unserved and underserved households, and increase competition in local markets, thereby creating more affordable service options.

See [here](#) for more information about Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program award recipients.

Environmental Remediation Project Spotlight

Cleaning Up Cherokee County Superfund Site

The Environmental Protection Agency made a \$1 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to clear the backlog of 49 unfunded Superfund sites – hazardous waste sites that had been identified but had no funding for cleanup – and accelerate cleanup at dozens of other sites across the country. This includes additional investments in cleaning up the Cherokee County Superfund site, a former mining area in southeast Kansas that contaminated groundwater with lead, zinc, and cadmium.

See [here](#) for more information on announced funding from the Environmental Protection Agency.