
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Louisiana

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 Louisiana. To date, \$8.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Louisiana with over 434 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$5.3 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$329 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Louisiana received \$1.7 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 559,000 Louisiana 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 Louisiana – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Louisianians and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Louisiana, there are 1,571 bridges and over 3,352 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, Louisiana is expected to receive approximately \$5.9 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$4.2 billion has been announced in Louisiana for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2.9 billion in highway formula funding and \$657.2 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

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

- \$109.9 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$285.8 million through the INFRA program to date.
- \$25 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant 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 296,777 homes and small businesses in Louisiana 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, Louisiana has received \$1.7 billion for high-speed internet. Louisiana has received \$1.4 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Louisiana. In addition, about 559,000 households in Louisiana 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:** \$329 million has been announced to Louisiana to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$327 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$107.9 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$87.1 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, Louisiana would expect to receive approximately \$479 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 Louisiana, where non-white households are 4.3

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 21% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Louisiana has been allocated \$223 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 Louisiana have been awarded \$99.1 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Louisiana were awarded \$78.3 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, Louisiana should expect to receive roughly \$73 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$42.1 million has been announced in Louisiana 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 \$540.2 million has been allocated to Louisiana for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$31 million for weatherization;

- \$10.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$5.3 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$100 million to help strengthen the battery supply chain;
- \$329.3 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:** Louisiana has received approximately \$132.6 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:** Louisiana has received roughly \$588.5 million for ports and waterways. Louisiana was awarded \$10 million for 1 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, Louisiana has experienced 37 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$77.5 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 \$572.5 million has been allocated to Louisiana for infrastructure resilience including \$21.4 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:** \$45.7 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$50 million has been allocated to Louisiana 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.

Louisiana Project Spotlights

Mega Awards Spotlight

Louisiana International Terminal Project

The project will construct a new container terminal on the Gulf Coast for the Port of New Orleans that is not air-draft restricted. The project will include approximately 1,700- feet of wharf, two ramps to connect the wharf to the container yard, an automated stacking crane yard, utilities, storm drainage, all necessary buildings for operations, entry and exit gates, intermodal rail yard, realignment of the Norfolk Southern rail and realignment of St Bernard Highway. The project is strong in Economic Impacts, Freight Movements and Job Creation.

See [here](#) for more information on Mega awardees.

Grid Resilience Spotlight

Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO)

The state of Louisiana will receive up to over \$249 million from the Department of Energy to launch a strategic initiative with 15 government entities, energy companies, and community and academic institutions to enhance statewide emergency response operations by deploying a network of Community Resilience Hubs powered by distributed energy resources microgrids. These microgrids can stand alone or integrate with utility-owned electric grid infrastructure and back-up generation assets. The project will help solve energy security challenges and protect the residents of Louisiana from climate-related threats.

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

Flood Resilience Spotlight

FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Awards

In August 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the State of Louisiana \$148 million to help homeowners and communities improve their resilience to flooding through the Flood Mitigation Assistance program. This funding will help elevate homes above floodwaters, buyout homes in repeated flood zones, and support community-wide projects to decrease flood risk. This includes funding to elevate 753 homes and buildings across Louisiana, including 139 in New Orleans.

See [here](#) for the full list of FEMA selections.

Rail Project Spotlight

The Rural Louisiana Short Line Rail Modernization Initiative

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$16.8 million to the Louisiana Southern Railroad LLC for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Louisiana through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The proposed project involves final design and construction activities for various track-related improvements, repairs or replacement of certain bridges and culverts, and grade crossing upgrades. The project will improve LAS' mainline by increasing safety standards on a rail corridor that transports hazmat loads, eliminating operating capacity inefficiencies (e.g., increasing load carrying capacity to 286,000 pounds), and increasing resiliency. The project will also help eliminate blocked crossing occurrences near a medical facility.

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

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

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority

The Department of Transportation awarded approximately \$71 million to New Orleans Regional Transit Authority to buy zero-emission vehicles and charging equipment, provide a microgrid to support charging resiliency after major storm events, and design and implement a workforce training program. The project will improve safety, air quality and reliability for residents and visitors to the New Orleans metropolitan area.

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

Rural Surface Transportation Project Spotlight

Louisiana DOT&D Ferry Design and Construction

The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million to design and construct two ferry boats. One ferry boat will provide continued access across the Mississippi River between Highway 23 and Highway 39 at Pointe a la Hache and between Belle Chasse and Scarsdale in Plaquemines Parish. The other ferry boat will provide continued access across the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Cameron Parish.

See [here](#) for more information on Rural Surface Transportation Grant recipients.