
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Minnesota

As of January 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 Minnesota. To date, \$5.9 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Minnesota with over 392 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$275 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Minnesota received \$883 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 241,000 Minnesota 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 Minnesota – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Minnesotans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Minnesota, there are 602 bridges and over 3,010 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, Minnesota is expected to receive approximately \$4.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$3.2 billion has been announced in Minnesota for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2.7 billion in highway formula funding and \$195.5 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of January 10, 2024

- \$151.8 million through the RAISE program, \$35 million through the INFRA program, and \$51.3 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 135,984 homes and small businesses in Minnesota 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 [here](#).

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Minnesota has received \$883 million for high-speed internet. Minnesota has received \$651.8 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Minnesota. In addition, about 241,000 households in Minnesota 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:** \$275 million has been announced to Minnesota to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$269 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$81.2 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$59.3 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, Minnesota would expect to receive approximately \$856 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 Minnesota, where non-white households are 2.8

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 14% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Minnesota has been allocated \$332.1 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 Minnesota have been awarded \$1.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Minnesota were awarded \$33.6 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, Minnesota should expect to receive roughly \$68 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Minnesota has been allocated \$39.1 million to date to build out a network of EV chargers across 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 \$585.6 million has been allocated to Minnesota for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$76.2 million for weatherization;

- \$7.7 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$7.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and
- \$162.7 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:** Minnesota has received approximately \$152.4 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:** Minnesota has received roughly \$59.3 million for ports and waterways. Minnesota was awarded \$4.5 million for 2 port projects 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, Minnesota has experienced 18 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 Minnesota for infrastructure resilience including \$5.6 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:** Approximately \$7 million has been allocated to Minnesota for 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.

Minnesota Project Spotlights

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight **Blatnik Bridge Replacement Project**

The \$1 billion Department of Transportation grant will replace the Blatnik Bridge, a major connection between the cities of Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin. The replacement bridge will be more resilient, increase load capacity, and create a new shared-use path for cyclists and pedestrians to access both states easily. The project will update decaying infrastructure, prevent fatalities and serious injuries that are seven to ten times higher than the state averages, and improve employment access for approximately 6,000 daily commuters.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2023-2024 INFRA Grant Recipients.

Grid Resilience Spotlight **Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue Transmission Study Process (JTIQ)**

The Department of Energy announced up to over \$464 million to coordinate the design and construction of five transmission projects in seven midwestern states: Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, and South Dakota. The JTIQ Process replaces the traditional interconnection study approach with a coordinated, long-range, interregional assessment that studies multiple projects at once, rather than in sequential or uncoordinated timelines, resulting in scalable transmission solutions, new renewable generation, lower energy costs, and enhanced community engagement and workforce development.

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

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight **I-90 Austin Bridges Improvement Project**

This \$25 million grant through the INFRA program to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a project to reconstruct eight mainline bridges along I-90 and rehabilitate another two. The project includes ramp connection and traffic signal improvements associated with the bridges, construction of a network of ADA accessible multiuse sidewalks and trails, and replacement of stormwater infrastructure. This project brings together neighborhoods and is aligned with the state's climate action and equitable development plans and improves resiliency and disaster preparedness along the corridor. The interchange and signal improvements also address the high number of left turn related crashes and queuing issues, improving safety and reducing congestion.

See [here](#) for the full list of INFRA Grant recipients.

Clean Water Project Spotlight **Lewis & Clark Regional Water System**

Through an investment of \$142 million from the Department of the Interior, construction is underway for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, which has been decades in the making. This project will build over 300 miles of pipes to deliver reliable clean water from the Missouri River to over 300,000 people in rural Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa who lack access.

See [here](#) for more information on the 2022 Rural Water Grant recipients.

Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight **Hennepin County Project**

Hennepin County has been selected to receive an additional \$3 million through EPA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) due to its high-performing existing RLF program. The RLF program has successfully made loans or subgrants leading to 10 cleanup projects that are either completed or in progress. The Revolving Loan Funds will extend the capacity of the program to provide funding for more cleanups in the most underserved areas in Hennepin County.

See [here](#) for a full list of RLF recipients.

ReConnect Project Spotlight **Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association**

The Department of Agriculture has awarded approximately \$19 million to the Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association to deploy a fiber-to-the premises network to provide high-speed internet. This network will benefit 458 people, 16 businesses, 124 farms and one educational facility in Kandiyohi, Meeker and Stearns counties in Minnesota. This unique investment ensures that rural communities have access to the

internet connectivity needed to allow rural America to remain a place of opportunity to both live and work.

See [here](#) for a full list of Reconnect recipients.