
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Montana

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 Montana. To date, \$5.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Montana with over 508 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$2 billion has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Montana received \$813.1 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 55,000 Montana 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 Montana – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Montanans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Montana, there are 367 bridges and over 1,609 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, Montana is expected to receive approximately \$3.1 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$2.2 billion has been announced in Montana for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$1.8 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

- \$85.8 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$34.4 million through the INFRA program to date.
- \$49.3 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 104,534 homes and small businesses in Montana 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, Montana has received \$813.1 million for high-speed internet. Montana has received \$629 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Montana. Montana also received \$11.8 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 55,000 households in Montana 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:** \$2 billion has been announced to Montana 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, Montana would expect to receive approximately \$158 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 Montana, where non-white households are 1.3 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 27% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Montana has been allocated \$83.6 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 Montana have been awarded \$4 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Montana were awarded \$53.9 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, Montana should expect to receive roughly \$43 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$24.6 million has been announced in Montana 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.

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:** Approximately \$58.3 million has been allocated to Montana for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$17.9 million for weatherization;
 - \$3.6 million through the State Energy Program;
 - \$3.4 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
 - \$26.3 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:** Montana has received approximately \$123.9 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:** Montana has received roughly \$1.5 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, Montana has experienced 12 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$6.6 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 \$232 million has been allocated to Montana for infrastructure resilience including \$449,000 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:** \$16.8 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$43.7 million has been allocated to Montana 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.

Montana Project Spotlights

Passenger Rail Spotlight

Malta, MT Corridor Operational Enhancement Project

The proposed project involves final design and construction activities for track, bridge, signal, and other rail infrastructure improvements on Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway's (BNSF) tracks in the Malta area and at the Amtrak Malta station, where Amtrak Empire Builder long-distance service operates. The project will serve rural communities and underserved tribal communities and enhance on-time performance, safety, capacity, and efficiency.

See [here](#) for a list of Passenger Rail projects.

Water Project Spotlight

Rocky Boy's / North Central Montana Rural Water System

The Department of the Interior awarded \$57.5 million to ensure a reliable water supply for 30,000 Montanans, including the Rocky Boy's Reservation. The project will fund core pipeline construction, continued efforts of on the water treatment plant, as well as construction for segments associated with Tiber, Big Sandy, Loma and Havre service areas.

See [here](#) for a list of the first round of BIL-funded Rural Water Projects.

Airport Project Spotlight

Missoula Montana Airport Terminal Renovation

The Department of Transportation awarded an \$17 million grant to the Missoula Montana Airport for a project to construct a terminal building between 2022 and 2024. This project will fund phase 2 of their terminal replacement. The new terminal will provide added capacity for increased demand, while also providing energy efficiency and Americans with Disabilities Act-related improvements while it continues to serve the Flathead Reservation.

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

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

The Missoula Urban Transportation District

The Department of Transportation awarded approximately \$39 million to the Missoula Urban Transportation District to fund a new maintenance and administrative base facility (MOAB) to replace its outdated operations site supporting its Mountain Line bus service. Mountain Line needs the MOAB to meet future demand growth, expand service to underserved neighborhoods, and transition its fleet to 100-percent zero-emissions.

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

Aging Infrastructure Grant Spotlight

Sun River Project: Pishkun Supply Canal

The Department of Interior awarded \$11.55 million to the Sun River Project to ensure that the Pishkun Inlet Replacement releases reservoir water to multiple canals for water distribution. The funding will also support rehabilitating a portion of the Pishkun Supply Canal Tunnel No. 3 in response to minor crown failure in 2020. The project provides necessary maintenance to aging water delivery systems and helps to advance drought resilience for families, farmers, and wildlife.

See [here](#) for a list of the Department of Interior's Aging Infrastructure Grants.

High-Speed Internet Project Spotlight

Nemont Telephone Cooperative – Fiber Build

Nemont Telephone Cooperative received a \$35 million grant from the Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network across four counties in Montana: Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Valley. This network will benefit

2,350 people, 115 businesses, 63 farms, and 18 educational facilities in rural Montana. This project will serve Fort Peck Reservation and socially vulnerable communities in Roosevelt and Sheridan counties.

See [here](#) for a list of ReConnect awardees.

MEGA and INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

Mineral County I-90 Improvement Project

This \$66 million grant to the Montana Department of Transportation will replace and rehabilitate aging infrastructure on I-90 between the Idaho-Montana state border and the town of Alberton, Montana. The project consists of two smaller projects: Taft-West Reconstruction and Alberton Bridge Replacement. The Taft-West Project will reconstruct approximately 5.7 miles of eastbound and westbound I-90 to bring the roadway up to current Montana DOT pavement standards for harsh weather conditions, and will provide drainage, environmental, traffic, and safety improvements as well as new wildlife crossings. The Alberton Bridge Project will replace structures on westbound I-90 at Old Highway 10, Clark Fork River, and Cyr. This project receives funding from both the MEGA and INFRA Grant Programs for a full MPDG award amount.

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