
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Oklahoma

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 Oklahoma. To date, \$6 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Oklahoma with over 592 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$3.6 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$317 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Oklahoma received \$1.6 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 352,000 Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Oklahomans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Oklahoma, there are 2,207 bridges and over 917 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, Oklahoma is expected to receive approximately \$4.7 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$3.2 billion has been announced in Oklahoma for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2.8 billion in highway formula funding and \$172.8 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

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

- \$85.4 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$360,000 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 150,718 homes and small businesses in Oklahoma 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, Oklahoma has received \$1.6 billion for high-speed internet. Oklahoma has received \$797.4 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Oklahoma. In addition, about 352,000 households in Oklahoma 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:** \$317 million has been announced to Oklahoma to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$266 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$68.8 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$89.5 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, Oklahoma would expect to receive approximately \$352 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 Oklahoma, where non-white households are 2.2

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 27% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Oklahoma has been allocated \$157.1 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 Oklahoma have been awarded \$38.3 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Oklahoma were awarded \$30.9 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, Oklahoma should expect to receive roughly \$66 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$38.1 million has been announced in Oklahoma 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 \$178 million has been allocated to Oklahoma for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$42.3 million for weatherization;

- \$6.6 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$5.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$96.3 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:** Oklahoma has received approximately \$108.9 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:** Oklahoma has received roughly \$109.4 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, Oklahoma has experienced 43 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 \$149.1 million has been allocated to Oklahoma for infrastructure resilience including \$65.1 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:** \$41.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$111.9 million has been allocated to Oklahoma 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.

Oklahoma Project Spotlights

Mega Project Spotlight

I-44 and US-75 Corridor Improvements Project

The Department of Transportation is awarding \$85 million to Oklahoma to upgrade the I-44 & US-75 interchange and make pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements. This project will reduce congestion, improving travel times, and save up to 1,200 hours of vehicle delays every day. It will also improve safety, with an estimated 45% reduction in crashes, and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by over 125,000 tons over the next 25 years.

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

Inland Waterways Project Spotlight

McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Three Rivers Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has invested \$192 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to upgrade and secure the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS), a critical 445-mile waterway that transports 12 million tons of goods and cargo annually across Oklahoma and Arkansas, connecting to the Mississippi River. The MKARNS Three Rivers project will prevent the White and Arkansas Rivers from merging, which would threaten the viability of the entire waterway. These investments will allow shippers to continue to move goods to shelves quickly, reliably, and at low cost.

See [here](#) for the full list of U.S. Army Corps projects announced in 2022.

Grid Innovation Spotlight

Adaptable Grid Project

The Department of Energy awarded \$50 million to Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E) to make its power grid more adaptable. The project aims to mitigate extreme weather impacts and climate risks unique to OG&E's service area. The partnership will create a smart grid platform that supports a clean energy economy, accelerating the creation of good-paying jobs and promoting economic and environmental benefits.

See [here](#) for a full list of Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program awardees.

RAISE Project Spotlight

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The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to construct roadways and shared use paths that connect to new residential developments. The increase in non-motorized transportation options could improve the health of the community which received poor ratings from the state's health report. Mobility and community connectivity will be addressed by the addition of the bicycle lanes that will provide connections for the residential developments to daily destinations.

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

High-Speed Internet Project Spotlight

Canadian Valley Telephone Company

The Department of Agriculture awarded \$5 million to the Canadian Valley Telephone Company to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network through the ReConnect program. This network will benefit 1,505 people, 36 businesses, 61 farms and three educational facilities in Pittsburg County in Oklahoma. 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 full list of the latest round of ReConnect projects.

Public Transportation Project Spotlight

Low or No Emission Bus program

The Department of Transportation awarded Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) and EMBARK \$6.7 million to replace diesel buses that have exceeded their useful life with compressed natural gas buses to improve fixed-route and paratransit services in Oklahoma City.

See [here](#) for more information on announced Low or No Emission Bus programs.

Ports Project Spotlight

Muskogee Waterfront Recovery & Resiliency Project

The Department of Transportation awarded the Port of Muskogee approximately \$24 million through the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The funding will support a project that consists of four components at the Port of Muskogee on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System: 1) reconstruction of the main dock at Oakley Terminal; 2) construction of a new heavy-lift dock; 3) reconstruction of on-dock rail; and 4) construction of a new flexible-use warehouse.

See [here](#) for information on the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded approximately \$800,000 to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for a Brownfields Multipurpose Grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct a Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessment and clean up the Old Talihina Indian Hospital Campus on Choctaw Nation Tribal Trust land. The funding will help accelerate clean-up efforts of contaminated sites, spur economic redevelopment, and build safer, more resilient communities for the next generation.

See [here](#) for a list Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant projects.