
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in South Dakota

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 South Dakota. To date, \$2.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to South Dakota with over 357 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.6 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$402 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. South Dakota received \$310.1 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 24,000 South Dakota 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 South Dakota – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of South Dakotans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In South Dakota, there are 996 bridges and over 1,971 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, South Dakota is expected to receive approximately \$2.2 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.5 billion has been announced in South Dakota for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$1.2 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

- \$35.7 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$16.8 million through the INFRA program to date.
- \$92.9 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 28,397 homes and small businesses in South Dakota 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, South Dakota has received \$310.1 million for high-speed internet. South Dakota has received \$207.2 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in South Dakota. In addition, about 24,000 households in South Dakota 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:** \$402 million has been announced to South Dakota 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, South Dakota would expect to receive approximately \$125 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand

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.

healthy, sustainable transportation options in South Dakota, where non-white households are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 31% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** South Dakota has been allocated \$58.1 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 South Dakota have been awarded \$3.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in South Dakota were awarded \$2.3 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, South Dakota should expect to receive roughly \$29 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$16.9 million has been announced in South Dakota 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 \$53.4 million has been allocated to South Dakota for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$14.4 million for weatherization;

- \$3.4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.4 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$17.8 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:** South Dakota has received approximately \$63.1 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:** South Dakota has received roughly \$10.3 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, South Dakota has experienced 13 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$9 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 \$57 million has been allocated to South Dakota for infrastructure resilience including \$14.1 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:** \$884,000 has been allocated to 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.

South Dakota Project Spotlights

Clean Energy Spotlight

Heartland Hydrogen Hub

The Department of Energy is awarding up to \$925 million to the Heartland Hydrogen Hub in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. This Hub will leverage the region's abundant energy resources to help decarbonize the agricultural sector's production of fertilizer and decrease the regional cost of clean hydrogen. The Hub plans to offer unique opportunities of equity ownership with the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and to local farmers and farmer co-ops through a private sector partnership that will allow local farmers to receive more competitive pricing for clean fertilizer. These initiatives can help reduce roughly 1 million metric tons per year of carbon emissions—roughly equivalent to the annual emissions of 220,000 gasoline-powered cars—while extending profit-sharing and benefits from the expanding hydrogen economy to wider communities, a model with the potential for replication across the Midwest.

See [here](#) for more information on Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

US 18/SD 407 Pine Ridge Safety and Community Accessibility Project

The Department of Transportation awarded the South Dakota Department of Transportation approximately \$10 million to fund roadway reconstruction on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Oglala. The reconstruction will include pavement resurfacing, curb and gutter improvements, stormwater upgrades, access management, and wider lanes to accommodate bicycle traffic. The project will also include complete street enhancements including turning lanes, ADA accessible sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and improved street lighting and traffic signals. By partnering with

the Tribal Employment Rights Office, the project provides good-paying jobs and workforce development training to the Tribal community.

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

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 the full list of 2022 Rural Water Grant recipients.

Rail Project Spotlight

Sisseton Milbank Railroad Modernization Project

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$24.7 million to the South Dakota Department of Transportation for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in South Dakota through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The proposed project involves design and construction activities for the replacement of 37 miles of the Sisseton Milbank Railroad (SMRR), including the rehabilitation of one bridge. The project will result in safety benefits with a reduced chance of derailments and increased track speed, and will enable more efficient truck unloading operations and transportation of grain along the corridor.

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

Waterways Project Spotlight

Big Bend Dam

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$5 million to fund repairs at Big Bend Dam in Lake Sharpe, including repairs from flood damages, replacement of relief well collector, seepage drains, and unwatering sump piping and valves.

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

Renew America's Schools Grant Spotlight

White River School District 47-1

The Department of Energy awarded approximately \$14 million to the White River School District 47-1, which is in a rural, sparsely populated county. The award will make the following energy improvements: replace outdated, failing, and inefficient carbon intense HVAC units throughout the district with high efficiency VRF electric systems, build a centralized Energy Management System, make Indoor Air Quality improvements, and build envelope weatherization. The largest portion of this project is a fully electrified and centrally controlled HVAC system which will directly impact the project goal of reducing greenhouse gases and provide the necessary financial benefit of removing expensive propane and fuel oil. This first-of-its-kind investment will help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utility costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments while prioritizing high-need school communities.

See [here](#) to learn more about the Selectees for the Renew America's Schools grants.

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

SD 73 Reconstruction – Improving Mobility, Safety and Access to the Pine Ridge Reservation

The \$16.7 million Department of Transportation grant will reconstruct approximately 8.7 miles of South Dakota Highway 73 and add lighting improvements along nearly one mile of SD 248 in the City of Kadoka. Improvements include expanding roadway shoulders, installing edge-line rumble strips, addressing deficient horizontal and vertical curves, installing culverts, and adding lighting. It will also improve mobility and connectivity for the Pine Ridge Reservation.

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