
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Wisconsin

As of February 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 Wisconsin. To date, \$6.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Wisconsin with over 507 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$3.9 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$678 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Wisconsin received \$1.4 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 427,000 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Wisconsinites and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Wisconsin, there are 922 bridges and over 6,976 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, Wisconsin is expected to receive approximately \$5.4 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$3.4 billion has been announced in Wisconsin for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$3.1 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

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- \$66.2 million through the RAISE program and \$88 million through the INFRA 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 253,097 homes and small businesses in Wisconsin 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, Wisconsin has received \$1.4 billion for high-speed internet. Wisconsin has received \$1.1 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Wisconsin. Wisconsin also received \$14.9 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 427,000 households in Wisconsin 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:** \$678 million has been announced to Wisconsin to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$361 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$129.5 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$66.7 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, Wisconsin would expect to receive approximately \$599 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 Wisconsin, where non-white households are 5.9

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 35% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Wisconsin has been allocated \$237.1 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 Wisconsin have been awarded \$25.8 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Wisconsin were awarded \$42.4 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, Wisconsin should expect to receive roughly \$79 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$45.1 million has been announced in Wisconsin 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 \$139.9 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$95 million for weatherization;

- \$7.9 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$6.5 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$21.9 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:** Wisconsin has received approximately \$126 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:** Wisconsin has received roughly \$41.3 million for ports and waterways. Wisconsin was awarded \$19.4 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, Wisconsin has experienced 24 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$8 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 \$126.9 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for infrastructure resilience including \$13.2 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:** \$15.9 million 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.

Wisconsin 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 Superior, Wisconsin and Duluth, Minnesota. The replacement bridge will address geometric deficiencies, increase 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.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Gateways to Opportunity Project

This \$13.5 million DOT grant will help fund the replacement of an existing two-lane structure over Springbrook Creek in northeastern Wisconsin with a new four-lane structure that includes both bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The project will reconstruct and upgrade parts of Willowbrook Road – and create three multilane roundabouts, as well as railroad crossing improvements on Colley Road. The project will improve traffic and transit quality in the area, while improving access to essential, recreational, and tourist destinations.

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

Airport Funding Project Spotlight

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General Mitchell International Airport Project

The General Mitchell International Airport Project in Milwaukee has been awarded \$5.1 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This project will replace flat roof areas on airport buildings that have reached the end of their useful life. Funds will be used to finance both design and construction activity to remove existing roof material and install a new roof – making the buildings more resilient to weather and energy efficient.

See [here for more information about Airport Funding for General Mitchell Airport.](#)

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridges Project

The Department of Transportation will award Columbia County, Wisconsin with \$80 million to replace the existing I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridge with two new bridge spans dedicated to serving traffic flowing in opposite directions. The two overcrossing bridges for nearby county roads will also be replaced as part of the project. The route links Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago – and serves as a key connector for these cities and major tourism destinations in other parts of the state.

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

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

1-41 Zoo Freeway: Burleigh Street to Silver Spring Drive

The Department of Transportation awarded the Wisconsin Department of Transportation with approximately \$15 million to rehabilitate pavement and approximately 11 bridges from Burleigh Street to Silver Spring Drive. The project will reduce transportation-related air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by providing auxiliary lanes to increase capacity, incorporate new noise barriers to better shield adjacent neighborhoods from highway noise, increase freight movement by addressing a freight bottleneck, and facilitate tourism opportunities by decreasing delays for accessing recreation and tourism destinations. Community engagement was prioritized to ensure equity is meaningfully integrated throughout the lifecycle of the project.

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

Middle Mile Broadband Spotlight

Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project (TSFDP)

The Department of Commerce awarded nearly \$15 million to Dairyland Power Cooperative to implement its Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project (TSFDP), which will retrofit 240.23 miles of fiber optic communications network using mostly optical ground wire (OPGW) on DPCs transmission lines in 3 years. Through the TSFDP, last mile providers in these regions will have enhanced capacity to reach unserved and unserved residents at affordable rates and help bridge the nations digital divide.

See [here for more information about](#) the Middle Mile Grant Program.

Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$2.5 million to Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee for a Brownfields Cleanup and Assessment Grant. grant funds will be used to clean up a former industrial property. The 13.7-acre cleanup site was historically used for several industrial purposes, including disposal of industrial waste solution containing iron and sulfuric acid. The site is contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and heavy metals. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community engagement activities including community meetings with virtual options. 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.](#)