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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Wyoming

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 Wyoming. To date, \$3.8 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Wyoming with over 214 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$212 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Wyoming received \$366.4 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 22,000 Wyoming 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 Wyoming – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Wyomingites and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Wyoming, there are 205 bridges and over 394 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, Wyoming is expected to receive approximately \$2 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.3 billion has been announced in Wyoming for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.1 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
  - \$14.8 million through the RAISE program to date.

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

- \$26.6 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 39,215 homes and small businesses in Wyoming 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, Wyoming has received \$366.4 million for high-speed internet. Wyoming has received \$347.9 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Wyoming. Wyoming also received \$1.3 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 22,000 households in Wyoming 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:** \$212 million has been announced to Wyoming 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, Wyoming would expect to receive approximately \$93 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy,

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

sustainable transportation options in Wyoming, where non-white households are 1.2 times more likely to commute via public transportation.

- **Announced funding to date:** Wyoming has been allocated \$46 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 Wyoming have been awarded \$203,000 through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Wyoming were awarded \$945,000 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, Wyoming should expect to receive roughly \$27 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$15.4 million has been announced in Wyoming 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 \$1.7 billion has been allocated to Wyoming for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$7.7 million for weatherization;

- \$3.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.2 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$40.2 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:** Wyoming has received approximately \$53.4 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.

**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, Wyoming has experienced 15 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$1.7 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 \$54.1 million has been allocated to Wyoming for infrastructure resilience including \$5.9 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:** \$2.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$69.4 million has been allocated to Wyoming 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.

## Wyoming Project Spotlights

### ***Rail Project Spotlight***

#### **Bighorn Divide & Wyoming Strategic Acquisition of Efficient & Clean Tier 4 Locomotive**

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$2.4 million to the Bighorn Divide & Wyoming Railroad Inc for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Wyoming through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The project will contribute to an overall reduction on emissions and greenhouse gases in the region while also improving safety.

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

### ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **I-80/I-25 Interchange Design**

The Department of Transportation awarded Wyoming Department of Transportation with \$13 million to complete final design plans for the interchange reconstructions of Interstate 80 (I-80) and Interstate 25 (I-25) and adjacent I-25/US Highway 30 interchange in Cheyenne. The project seeks to reduce fatalities and serious injuries to bring them below the state-wide average through roadway redesigns, and restore and modernize infrastructure that are in poor condition and have met the useful life. The project will improve economic competitiveness by facilitating tourism opportunities through improved access to Frontier Park and historic attractions.

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

## ***Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission Vehicle Spotlight***

### **Wyoming Department of Transportation on behalf of Teton Village**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$945,178 to the Wyoming Department of Transportation to buy zero-emission battery-electric buses and charging equipment to replace diesel buses that serve nearly half a million visitors and workers in and around Teton Village and resorts. The new buses will improve service and reliability and reduce maintenance costs.

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

## ***Resilience Project Spotlight***

### **Owl Creek Irrigation District Project**

The Department of Interior awarded \$2 million to the Owl Creek Irrigation District to improve their drought resilience by making water use in the area more efficient under the Department's WaterSMART program.

See [here](#) for the full list of WaterSMART and Energy Efficiency awards announced.

## ***Airport Funding Project Spotlight***

### **Jackson Hole Airport Terminal Improvement Project**

Overview: The Jackson Hole airport received an \$8 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration at the Department of Transportation to improve the airport's terminal building and build new geothermal heating capacity that will increase the airport's energy efficiency, lowering their operating costs. This project will also increase the terminal's capacity to meet growing demand by adding two new gates -- enhancing the experience of travelers, reducing delays, and increasing the accessibility of the airport for families.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the 2022-23 Airport Terminal awards announced.

## ***Community Wildfire Defense Grant Spotlight***

### **Crooked Creek Community Fuels Mitigation Project**

The United States of Department of Agriculture awarded \$234,825 to the Crooked Creek Community to expand and connect other area treatments on a landscape-level. This will be accomplished by contracting activities to reduce fuel loads and restore

forest health. The grant will assist communities in addressing local wildfire risks and make it possible for underserved and at-risk communities to develop or revise community wildfire protection plans.

See [here](#) for more information Community Wildfire Defense Grant for the Crooked Creek Community Fuel Mitigation Project.

### ***Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight***

#### **City of Rawlins**

Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$500,000 to the City of Rawlins for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 19 Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to inventory sites and support area-wide planning and community outreach activities. The target area for this grant is three miles of the Interstate 80 Corridor through the City of Rawlins. Priority sites include two abandoned motel properties, a former gas station, a five-structure vacant apartment complex, and a former bar. The funding will help stakeholders work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites.

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