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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in West Virginia

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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 West Virginia. To date, \$2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to West Virginia with over 96 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, West Virginia will receive approximately \$1.6 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and roughly \$83 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 89,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed internet 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 West Virginia – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for West Virginians and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In West Virginia, there are 1545 bridges and over 3,222 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, West Virginia is expected to receive approximately \$3.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.5 billion has been announced in West Virginia for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$1.2 billion in highway formula funding and \$219.2 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
 - \$20.5 million through the RAISE program and \$25 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program in 2022 and 2023.

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 26% of West Virginians do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. West Virginia will receive a minimum allocation of at least \$100 million to help ensure high-speed internet coverage across the state. Additionally, experts estimate that as many as 356,000 households in West Virginia are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which cuts internet bills by up to \$30 per month, or \$75 for households on Tribal lands, and provides a one-time \$100 discount off a connected device. The Biden-Harris Administration is providing further cost savings by working 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.

- **Progress to date:** To date, West Virginia has received \$5 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 89,000 households in West Virginia are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

Water: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$83 million has been announced to West Virginia to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$83 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$28.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$18 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Public Transit: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, West Virginia would expect to receive approximately \$195 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 West Virginia, where non-white

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.

households are 4.9 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 35% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, West Virginia has been allocated \$38.2 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Clean Buses: The Bipartisan Infrastructure 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. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, West Virginia has been awarded \$2 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus 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, West Virginia should expect to receive roughly \$46 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** West Virginia has been allocated \$16.5 million in 2022 and 2023 to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

Clean Energy & Power: Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 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:** To date, approximately \$46.3 million has been allocated to West Virginia for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
 - \$28.9 million for weatherization;

- \$4.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.3 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$4.1 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

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 US become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, West Virginia has received approximately \$24.9 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

Ports and Waterways: Like airports, 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:** To date, West Virginia has received roughly \$1.2 million in 2022 and 2023 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, West Virginia has experienced 11 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$2 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:** To date, approximately \$85.6 million has been allocated to West Virginia for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$8.2 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:** To date, approximately \$196 million has been allocated to West Virginia in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2.9 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.

West Virginia Project Spotlights

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Wheeling Streetscape West Virginia

Overview: The \$16.2 million project will upgrade many streets in West Virginia, some examples: Market Street, Eoff Street, and Main Street. The project will improve and expand transportation options for all of the growing downtown area to access. All communities will have access to safe and affordable non-motorized transportation because of this RAISE Grant in The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

See [here](#) for more information about the RAISE Grant for Department of Transportation of West Virginia

Greenbag Road Corridor Planning and Design Project

Morgantown Monongalia MPO West Virginia Grant

Overview: The reduction of crashes and safer corridors is the goal of this \$4.2 million project. The inclusion of sidewalks and multi-purposes paths will encourage transit use. The project will reduce traffic and benefit the residents long term. The developments with this grant will increase jobs, education, and partnerships which will ultimately lead to community garden collaborations. The sense of community will increase with this funding.

See [here](#) for more information.

Roads and Bridges Project Spotlight

Appalachian Development Highway System

Overview: In Fiscal Year 2022, West Virginia received \$37 million for the Appalachian Development Highway System, and annual funding will increase 146% as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These investments will enhance road safety, bolster connectivity, and improve access to economic opportunity for all West Virginians.

See [here](#) for a full list of allocated funds for the Appalachian Development Highway System.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Wheeling Streetscape

Overview: The Department of Transportation will invest over \$16.2 million to make approximately 1.85 miles of Complete Street upgrades to Main Street, Market Street, Chapline Street, Eoff Street, and their cross streets on 10th Street, the 11th Street Plaza, 12th Street, 14th Street, 17th Street, and South Street. The project will help reinvigorate the 2-mile corridor in downtown Wheeling by expanding transportation options and access to the growing downtown area. The improved bus and bicycle facilities, and pedestrian crossings will remove physical barriers and provide safe, affordable non-motorized transportation options for underserved members of the community.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 RAISE Grant recipients.