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

As of May 2023

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 Idaho. To date, \$1.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Idaho with over 186 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$192 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 38,000 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 Idaho – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Idahoans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Idaho, there are 286 bridges and over 1,102 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, Idaho is expected to receive approximately \$2.2 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$856.4 million has been announced in Idaho for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$765.4 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$30.9 million through the RAISE 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 21% of Idahoans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Idaho 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 260,000 households in Idaho 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, Idaho has received \$4.4 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 38,000 households in Idaho 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, \$151 million has been announced to Idaho to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$151 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, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 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, Idaho would expect to receive approximately \$194 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Idaho, where non-white households are 1.3 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 37% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Idaho has been allocated \$37.2 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, schools in Idaho have been awarded \$5.1 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Idaho were awarded \$17.4 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, Idaho should expect to receive roughly \$30 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Idaho has been allocated \$10.8 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 \$37.3 million has been allocated to Idaho for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$19.4 million for weatherization;

- \$4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.8 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$10 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 U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Idaho has received approximately \$43.9 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, Idaho has received roughly \$14.1 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, Idaho has experienced 12 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 \$60.5 million has been allocated to Idaho for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$6.7 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.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## **Idaho Project Spotlights**

### ***Aging Infrastructure Project Spotlight***

#### **New York Canal**

The Department of the Interior awarded \$4 million to line six miles of the New York Canal with Huesker lining between Boise Ave and Orchard Street Intersection. The canal plays a vital role in water conservation, drought resiliency, and safe and reliable water delivery for the Treasure Valley. The project will improve safety in urbanized areas, conserve water lost to seepage, and support the continuation of providing clean, reliable water to communities, irrigators, and ecosystems across the west.

See [here](#) for more aging infrastructure projects

### ***Ports & Waterways Project Spotlight***

#### **Dworshak Dam and Reservoir Restoration**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded over \$17 million to the Dworshak Dam and Reservoir for a fish hatchery, electrical upgrades, and road restoration.

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

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

#### **Idaho Falls Regional Airport**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration awarded the Idaho Falls Regional Airport with \$5.2 million to improve its terminal building. This grant will expand ticketing, baggage screening, passenger exiting and restroom areas. The project will also include consolidation of the electrical and mechanical systems to improve the energy efficiency of the terminal.

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

## ***Community Wildfire Prevention Spotlight***

### **Clark County Roadside Fuel Breaks**

The Department of Agriculture's Forest Service has awarded \$690,000 to the Idaho Department of Lands to complete the implementation of 53 miles of right-of-way fuel breaks in a stretch of sagebrush steppe, resulting in improved wildfire protection for communities in Dubois, Kilgore, Spencer, and Medicine Lodge. This project will provide for wildfire defense for an area with over 700 residence/structures.

See [here](#) for more information on the Community Wildfire Defense Grants.

## ***SMART Project Spotlight***

### **Bannock Innovative Transportations Solutions**

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$1.3 million to the Bannock Transportation Planning Organization to install smart, sensor-based traffic signals and monitoring across the Yellowstone Corridor in Idaho.

See [here](#) for more information on the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program.

## ***Resilience Project Spotlight***

### **Southwest Idaho Wildfire Risk Reduction**

The Department of Agriculture invested \$17 million to Southwest Idaho through the Natural Resources and Conservation Service for wildfire risk reduction through fuel breaks.

See [here](#) for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects announced in 2022.

## ***Clean School Bus Project Spotlight***

### **Clean School Buses for Genesee and Mccall-Donnelly Districts**

The Environmental Protection Agency has allocated \$5 million through their Clean School Bus Program to support the purchase of 3 electric school buses for the Genesee Joint School District and 10 electric school buses for Mccall-Donnelly Joint School

District. These electric school buses will decrease the districts' carbon footprint while also ensuring that schools provide the necessary transportation for their students.

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