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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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

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 Kansas. To date, \$1.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Kansas with over 221 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.3 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$194 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 100,000 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 Kansas – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Kansans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Kansas, there are 1,321 bridges and over 1,995 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, Kansas is expected to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.1 billion has been announced in Kansas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$46.9 million through the RAISE program in 2022 and 2023.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of April 20, 2023*

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 23% of Kansans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Kansas 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 412,000 households in Kansas 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, Kansas 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 100,000 households in Kansas 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, \$181 million has been announced to Kansas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$181 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, \$61.5 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$44.4 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, Kansas would expect to receive approximately \$259 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 Kansas, where non-white households are 3 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 16% 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, Kansas has been allocated \$49.3 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 Kansas have been awarded \$6.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Kansas were awarded \$7.2 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, Kansas should expect to receive roughly \$40 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Kansas has been allocated \$14.3 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 \$57 million has been allocated to Kansas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$32 million for weatherization;

- \$5.4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$4.6 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$13.6 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, Kansas has received approximately \$62.5 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, Kansas has received roughly \$23.8 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, Kansas has experienced 38 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$13 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 \$64 million has been allocated to Kansas for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$32.2 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 \$38.6 million has been allocated to Kansas in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$6 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

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

## **Kansas Project Spotlights**

### ***Bridge Project Spotlight***

#### **Old Smoky Hill River Bridge Replacement**

The Department of Transportation has awarded the city of Salina \$22 million to replace seven bridges in Salina, Kansas. The funding will also go towards new parks as well as new bike and pedestrian trails.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants through the RAISE program.

### ***Environmental Remediation Project Spotlight***

#### **Cleaning Up Cherokee County Superfund Site**

The Environmental Protection Agency made a \$1 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to clear the backlog of 49 unfunded Superfund sites – hazardous waste sites that had been identified but had no funding for cleanup – and accelerate cleanup at dozens of other sites across the country. This includes additional investments in cleaning up the Cherokee County Superfund site, a former mining area in southeast Kansas that contaminated groundwater with lead, zinc, and cadmium.

See [here](#) for more information on announced funding from the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

#### **Philip Billard Municipal Airport Upgrades**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$3.8 million to the Billard Municipal Airport to construct a new terminal facility. The project will

increase passenger capacity and provide access for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

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

### ***Superfund Cleanup Project Spotlight***

#### **57<sup>th</sup> and North Broadway Streets Site**

The Environmental Protection Agency has selected the 57<sup>th</sup> and North Broadway Streets Site a site cleanup using federal BIL funding. Land use at the Site is a mix of industrial, commercial, agricultural, and residential. The area immediately adjacent to the site currently consists of single-family residential homes, businesses, and industrial facilities. The cleanup effort addresses the entire groundwater plume and the additional soil contamination identified during an earlier remedy.

See [here](#) for more information on EPA Superfund cleanup work.

### ***Reconnecting Communities Project Spotlight***

#### **Wichita's 21<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor**

The Department of Transportation awarded the city of Wichita \$1 million through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to study how best to reconnect the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor. The area is currently divided by several at-grade railroad crossings as well as I35. The project would reconnect two historically and culturally rich communities by introducing transit lines, sidewalks, bike and pedestrian paths as well as solutions for persons with disabilities.

See [here](#) for a full list of announced Reconnecting Communities Awards.

### ***PHMSA Project Spotlight***

#### **Midwest Energy Inc. Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$580,800 to Midwest Energy Inc. to upgrade natural gas leak detection devices. The funds awarded will be used to purchase 20 handheld laser gas leak detection devices and four All-Terrain Vehicles to aid leak detection surveys. The project will reduce natural gas line losses and improve public safety, while reducing costs and environmental impacts.

See [here](#) for more information on Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) projects