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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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

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 Utah. To date, \$2.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Utah with over 168 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 \$728 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 53,000 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 Utah – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Utahns and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Utah, there are 62 bridges and over 2,064 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, Utah is expected to receive approximately \$2.6 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1 billion has been announced in Utah for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$932 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$25.4 million through the RAISE program and \$6 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant 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 16% of Utahns do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Utah 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 320,000 households in Utah 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, Utah 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 53,000 households in Utah 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, \$163 million has been announced to Utah to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$153 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, Utah would expect to receive approximately \$665 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 Utah, where non-white households are 1.8 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 17% 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, Utah has been allocated \$125.4 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 Utah have been awarded \$4.7 million through 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, Utah should expect to receive roughly \$36 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Utah has been allocated \$13.1 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 \$45.8 million has been allocated to Utah for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$21.7 million for weatherization;
  - \$4.9 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$6.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$13 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, Utah has received approximately \$111.7 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, Utah has received roughly \$200,000 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, Utah has experienced 11 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$610 million 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 \$79.9 million has been allocated to Utah for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023.

**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 \$32.1 million has been allocated to Utah in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$19.3 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.

## Utah Project Spotlights

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

#### **Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in Central Area**

The Department of Agriculture awarded \$4.7 million to Central Area, Utah to expand fire education and awareness, create Community Fire Hazard Mitigation methodologies, and remove hazardous fuel loading around structures in the Central Area.

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

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

#### **Salt Lake City International Airport**

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded the Salt Lake City International Airport \$29 million through the Airport Terminals Program. The project will include replacing aging infrastructure in Concourse B, including 16 contact gates and 5 permanent hardstand positions. The expansion will improve the overall passenger experience as well as bring opportunity for good paying jobs.

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

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

#### **Salt Lake City's East-West Divide**

The Salt Lake City Corporation has been awarded over \$1.9 million to support a study of solutions to Salt Lake City's infrastructure driven east-west divide. The planning analysis will consider a series of solutions including several multi-modal bridges or a larger project such as a tunnel, greenway deck or train box. The goal of the study

is to address the negative effects that the existing railroad has on community and access to schools, jobs and other services.

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

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

#### **Planning and Optimizing a Multi-Modal Logistics Center in Southern Utah**

Overview: The Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded \$445,000 planning grant for a new multi-modal logistics center in Southern Utah. This project will result in construction of multimodal logistics center that will reduce truck transport and expand capabilities of the freight rail movement while improving air quality and reducing emissions.

See [here](#) for more information about RAISE Grants.

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

#### **State Route 224 Battery Electric Bus and BRT Project**

Overview: DOT awarded \$25 million to add a 12-foot, side-running, dedicated bus lanes in both directions of State Route 224 between Kimball Junction and Park City in Summit County, Utah. The project will provide more transportation options and reduce emissions and other negative environmental outcomes by incorporating electric vehicles and renewable energy infrastructure. The project will improve the quality and user experience of the current system, and will increase travel time reliability, improving efficient access to essential destinations

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

### ***Bridge Investment Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **Utah Department of Transportation**

Overview: DOT awarded \$800,000 to the Utah Department of Transportation for a feasibility study to inspect and identify treatment needs for 40 bridges along a 31-mile stretch of I84 in rural Utah. The grant will investigate the improvements needed to ensure the functionality and safety of the bridges.

See [here](#) for more information about the Department of Transportation Bridge

### ***Investment. Battery Materials Processing Grant Program***

## **Lithium Production Grant in Fernley, Nevada**

Overview: The Department of Energy awarded \$50 million to Lilac Solutions for a project in Fernley, Nevada to demonstrate the production of lithium at commercially relevant scales using the company's IX lithium extraction technology. This grant will support the growth of the domestic battery supply chain and support U.S. leadership in the green-energy transition. The grant funds will be utilized to assist new hires and talent with accelerating their training programs, which will result in new jobs.

See [here](#) for more information.

## ***Buses and Bus Facilities Program Project Spotlight***

### **Park City Electric Buses**

Overview: DOT awarded \$6.1 million in funding to support the purchase of battery electric buses and charging equipment in Park City to expand its express route service in the Quinn's Junction area. The new buses will provide more frequent, reliable and clean transit for the city's workforce as well as vulnerable communities and seasonal visitors.

See [here](#) for a full list of 2022-23 Buses and Bus Facilities Grant recipients.

## ***Legacy Pollution Project Spotlight***

### **Glen Canyon and Moab Orphaned Wells**

Overview: The Department of the Interior awarded \$1.3 million to Glen Canyon National Park and the Bureau of Land Management's Moab Field Office to reduce the plug hazardous sites and create good-paying jobs through Orphaned Wells Program. The reduction of hazardous sites will ensure the safety and usage of the wells. The Department of Interiors will assist with the plugging, remediating, and reclaiming of orphaned oil and gas wells processes.

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