

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

MONTANA

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Montana has added over **53,800 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$1.6 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and thousands of people in Montana stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

As of December 2024



66 thousand individuals in Montana signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



\$465.9 million in student debt cancellation has been approved for **9,290** people in Montana under the Biden-Harris Administration.



258 thousand seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



\$1.6 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



3.2% unemployment rate with **53.8 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



\$7.2 billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



88.1 thousand applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$1.6 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Portland General Electric announced a **\$415 million** investment in wind energy projects across **Custer, Garfield, and Rosebud counties**.
- ★ VACOM announced plans to establish its US headquarters in **Lewistown**, bringing a **\$90 million** investment and up to 500 good-paying jobs to the state by 2029.

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Montana's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ **Nemont Telephone Cooperative Network**: Nemont Telephone Cooperative was awarded **\$35 million** to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network across four counties in Montana. This project will serve **Fort Peck Reservation** and socially vulnerable communities in **Roosevelt and Sheridan counties**.
- ★ **Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub**: The Department of Energy awarded **\$1 billion** to the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub, covering Washington, Oregon, and Montana. This hub will remove approximately 1.7 million metric tons per year of CO2 emissions—equivalent to removing the emissions from roughly 346,000 gasoline-powered cars annually—through a transition to clean hydrogen.
- ★ **I-90 Modernization**: The Montana Department of Transportation was awarded **\$66 million** to replace and rehabilitate aging infrastructure on I-90 between the Idaho-Montana state border and the town of **Alberton**.
- ★ **Rocky Boy's / North Central Montana Rural Water System**: Through an investment of over **\$146 million** from the Department of the Interior, construction is underway for the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Rural Water System. This project will build over 750 miles of pipeline and storage facilities to deliver reliable, clean water from the Tiber Reservoir to over 10,000 households and 28,000 residents. When completed, the water system will serve the Chippewa-Cree Tribe of the **Rocky Boy's Reservation** as well as six adjacent counties in **north-central Montana** who lack access to reliable drinking water supplies.
- ★ **The Missoula Urban Transportation District**: The Department of Transportation awarded approximately **\$39 million** to the **Missoula** Urban Transportation District to fund a new Maintenance, Operations and Administration Base (MOAB) facility to replace its outdated operations site supporting its Mountain Line bus service. Mountain Line needs the MOAB to meet future demand growth, expand service to underserved neighborhoods, and transition its fleet to 100-percent zero-emissions.
- ★ **Sun River Project: Pishkun Supply Canal**: The Department of Interior awarded **\$11.55 million** to the Sun River Project to ensure that the Pishkun Inlet Replacement releases

reservoir water to multiple canals for water distribution. The funding will also support rehabilitating a portion of the Pishkun Supply Canal Tunnel No. 3 in response to minor crown failure in 2020. The project provides necessary maintenance to aging water delivery systems and helps to advance drought resilience for families, farmers, and wildlife.

- ★ **Montana Forest, Community and Working Landscapes Climate Resiliency Project**: The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation was awarded **\$50 million** for the Montana Forest, Community and Working Landscapes Climate Resiliency Project, which will fund measures that improve forest management and expand urban and community forests. The project will also assist efforts to mitigate wildfires and coal seam fires and support local initiatives to improve soil health and reduce pollution from agriculture.
- ★ **North Plains Connector Transmission Line Mitigation**: The Montana Department of Commerce's Southeastern Montana Transmission Siting and Economic Development (SM-TSED) Initiative will sub-grant **\$47.4 million** to the rural **counties of Rosebud, Custer, and Fallon and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe** to help mitigate the impact of construction of the North Plains Connector transmission line. The SM-TSED program will enable these rural and Tribal communities to invest funding in critical community infrastructure, including emergency and medical services, transportation, water, and sewage services, and climate mitigation projects.