

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Federal infrastructure funding for Washington

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How cities are using BIL funding to improve their communities

As we enter the second year of its five-year span, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has begun to infuse Washington's communities with much needed investments. Several cities are already benefitting from the federal assistance to improve their part of the statewide infrastructure system.

Nearly 70% of city survey respondents are applying or considering applying for federal infrastructure dollars. Approximately 80% of cities have made infrastructure their top priority, with traditional infrastructure making up the highest area of need.

Federal dollars are helping WA cities to:

- Upgrade municipal water systems
- Build sustainability and climate resilience
- Increase traffic safety and expand multimodal options
- Invest in economic development
- Address historical racial and social inequities

Among those cities applying for BIL funds, the top five categories of projects are:

- Roads
- Wastewater/stormwater infrastructure
- Drinking water infrastructure
- Bridges
- EV infrastructure

The federal government has stepped up to support locals, and Washington cities are responding in kind. Many are taking advantage of the funding opportunities available through the BIL.

Below, we provide snapshots of the many transportation and infrastructure projects in Washington that are supported by the BIL.

BIL-funded city projects in Washington:

City of Cheney

Award & Source: \$5.4 million | WaterSMART grant, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation



Population: 13,255 | 5th District

Project: Facing increasing demand for water and a declining supply, Cheney has worked for years to create sustainable processes for its water management system. One such approach is the Cheney Purple Pipe to Parks and Playgrounds Project, the city's water reuse program. It treats wastewater effluent to Class A reuse water, providing it for irrigation on park and playfield green spaces. The \$21.8 million project is a successful model for building climate resilience and sustainability within a community.

Cities of Hoquiam and Aberdeen

Award & Source: \$84.6 million | Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant, FEMA



Combined Population 25,731 | 6th District

Project: The Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Project will construct two levees, totaling eight miles, to safeguard the region's low-lying areas against repeated, destructive flooding. The project will improve storm drainage and protect 5,100 properties and 1,354 businesses from flood-related damage, providing stability to the local economy and eliminating burdensome and costly flood insurance requirements for residents and business owners.

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City of Tacoma

Award & Source: \$500,000 | Brownfields Job Training Program, EPA



Population: 219,346 | 6th, 9th & 10th Districts

Project: With the new federal dollars, Tacoma's Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program (LEAP) will oversee the recruitment, training, and placement of workers for community revitalization and cleanup projects at local brownfield sites. Staff will train 140 students and place at least 79 in local environmental jobs. The training is for students from brownfields-impacted neighborhoods, including Port of Tacoma, Tacoma Renewal Community, Hilltop Neighborhood, and Salishan/East Tacoma.

City of Seattle

Award & Source: \$25.6 million | Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation grant, USDOT



Population: 737,015 | 7th District

Project: At a time of worsening traffic safety conditions in Washington, the City of Seattle will implement a wide variety of much-needed safety treatments to address pedestrian collisions at intersections, including unsignalized intersections and bicycle crashes. With support from the DOT implementation grant, the project will apply low-cost, high impact strategies on arterial streets in the southeast SODO neighborhood of Seattle, focused on the highest number of serious injury and fatal collisions.

City of Spokane Valley

Award & Source: \$21.6 million | Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 102,976 | 5th District

Project: The Pines Road/BNSF Grade Separation Project will grade separate freight rail from vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic, improving supply chain movement, decreasing delays, and increasing safety and mobility for *all* roadway users. The \$40 million project will make the crossing safe and reliable and reduce congestion and noise pollution. It will also construct a new trailhead and parking lot, equipped with restrooms, EV charging, and non-motorized access to the adjacent Centennial Trail and Spokane River.

City of Bothell

Award & Source: \$19 million | Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 48,161 | 1st District

Project: The \$63 million Bothell Way NE widening project develops 1.3-miles of unimproved roadway to a fully functional multimodal corridor from I-405 to SR 522, including pedestrian, bicycle and transit access. This will allow Community Transit to expand rapid transit to downtown Bothell where regional transportation systems and the UW Bothell/Cascadia College campus are located. At its completion, the corridor will be more efficient, sustainable and safe, with managed access, LED street lighting, storm water treatment and protective landscaped buffers between motorized and non-motorized traffic.

City of Lynnwood

Award & Source: \$25 million | Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 38,568 | 2nd District

Project: The Connecting Lynnwood: Poplar Way Bridge Project will alleviate congestion and backups on the 196th St. SW off-ramps and overcrossings, improving safety in and around I-5. The \$49.6 million project will increase safety for vehicles and add a protected shared use path for pedestrian and cyclists. Less congestion will improve access to the transit-oriented mixed-use development underway in the downtown, decrease emissions, and expand access to services, employment opportunities and transit.

City of Pullman

Award & Source: \$1 million | Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 34,833 | 5th District

Project: RAISE dollars will fully cover the design costs of the city's Airport Rd. Multimodal and Regional Access Improvements Project. The project design will allow for the separation of motorized and nonmotorized activities, which will reduce accidents in the area. The project also accommodates public transit bus access to the airport terminal and includes a roundabout at the Terre View Dr. intersection to provide greater safety to those accessing the airport.

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