

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Federal infrastructure funding for Washington

2025



WA cities are using federal funding to make essential infrastructure improvements

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) devoted billions of dollars in transportation and infrastructure projects at the state and local levels throughout the U.S. Now in its fourth year, the BIL has infused dozens of Washington's communities with much-needed investment in costly capital projects they could not otherwise afford. Cities across the state are improving their infrastructure facilities and essential services thanks to federal assistance through the BIL.

Direct federal funding with limited red tape has been crucial for enabling cities to address long-standing unmet infrastructure needs, foster economic growth, and promote community health and safety. AWC encourages Congress to continue to model this approach as well as efforts to ensure cities and towns of all sizes and resources have access to funding for local infrastructure.

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

Federal dollars are helping WA cities to:

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

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

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

BIL-funded city projects in Washington:

City: Port Angeles

Award: \$2.1 million – Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant, FHWA



Population: 20,240 | 6th District

Project: Port Angeles will install 50 fast EV chargers along State Highway 101, which provides access to Olympic National Park and ferry services. Port Angeles is a small, rural community with a high number of economically disadvantaged residents living in multi-family housing. Access to expanded and improved EV infrastructure will help these neighborhoods and reduce the environmental impacts of combustion engine vehicles.

City: Bellevue

Award: \$2.8 million – Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, USDOT



Population: 154,600 | 9th District

Project: Bellevue will conduct supplemental planning activities including road safety audits, speed studies, developing a separated bike lane design guide, and creating speed safety camera procedures. The City will also conduct demonstration activities, testing and evaluating approaches for protected turn phasing for pedestrians, adaptive pedestrian signal controls, "paint the pavement" aesthetically treated crosswalks, and cellular vehicle-to-everything technologies.

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City: Mt. Vernon

Award: \$12.5 million, Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant, FHWA



Population: 35,590 | 2nd District

Project: Mount Vernon will receive \$12.5 million to install 78 EV charging ports in a public parking garage located in a historic downtown area by the Skagit River and Interstate 5, an Alternative Fuel Corridor. The project will be built to allow for another 200 charging ports in the future, creating what could be the largest regional EV charging hub in the nation. The project will help support a regional transit stop linking Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish counties.

City: Elma

Award: \$261,000 – Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, FHWA



Population: 3,480 | 6th District

Project: This award will be used by the City of Elma to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, and to pilot temporary traffic calming techniques such as curb bump-outs, planter sections to break up center turn lanes, and painted road sections at crosswalks and bike lanes, as well as installing temporary street lighting near schools and on the City's Main Street.

City: Blaine

Award: \$9.5 million – Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 6,310 | 2nd District

Project: The funding will help the City complete design, NEPA compliance, and right of way acquisition for replacement of the at-grade crossing of a BNSF main line with a state route. The project will improve safety, access, and travel time reliability for vehicles and commercial trucks connecting to Interstate-5, and provide connectivity for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized travelers to nearby recreational areas. The project will utilize innovative approaches, including low-carbon materials and enhanced stormwater treatment techniques, and design-build project delivery.

City: Shoreline

Award: \$20 million – Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, USDOT



Population: 61,120 | 7th District

Project: The funding will enable a series of multimodal improvements including a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Interstate-5, ADA sidewalks and curb ramps, ITS improvements, and a series of bicycle improvements on low-stress streets. The project will improve safety for non-motorized travelers, stormwater management, and connectivity to daily destinations including access to transit. The project will also bring over 70 acres of densely zoned land into walking distance from light rail, supporting the development of thousands of units of multifamily housing, including hundreds of units of affordable housing per Shoreline's mandatory inclusionary zoning.

City: Cheney

Award: \$5.4 million – WaterSMART grant, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation



Population: 12,620 | 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: Hoquiam and Aberdeen

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



Population: 25,803 | 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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