

# Rural Renaissance Roadshow

October 26, 2023

## Introduction



- White House Office of Public Engagement Waster
- Rural Engagement
- White House Rural Partners Call/Newsletter



## Rural Equity



THE WHITE HOUSE

- Day One: Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities
- February 16, 2023: Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities
- Creating Economic Opportunity in Rural America Embedded in Administration's Work



the accessibility of physical spaces, virtual platforms, presentations, systems, training, and documents.

Sec. 6. Creating Economic Opportunity in Rural America and Advancing Urban Equitable Development. (a) Agencies shall undertake efforts, to the extent consistent with applicable law, to help rural communities identify and access Federal resources in order to create equitable economic opportunity and advance projects that build community wealth, including by providing or supporting technical assistance; incentivizing the creation of good, high-paying union jobs in rural areas; conducting outreach to and soliciting input from rural community leaders; and contributing new resources and support to interagency programs such as the Rural Partners Network.



# American Rescue Plan Act

- Investments to combat COVID-19 in rural communities
- Funding for rural and community health centers
- Aid to communities to rebuild local economies (i.e. EDA's Build Back Better Challenge)
- High-speed internet connectivity through schools and libraries
- Food and farm supply chain





# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- High Speed Internet to Every Home, Business, and Farm
- Historic Investment in Rural Transportation Options
- Fix Rural Road and Bridges
- Ensure Clean Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation
- Upgrade Rural Electricity and Transmission Infrastructure
- Create Good-Paying Jobs to Clean Up Pollution in Rural Communities
- Build Communities Resilient to Climate Change





## Build.Gov/Rural



- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Rural Playbook
- Rural Cost Share Analysis
- Open Funding Opportunities

### BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW RURAL PLAYBOOK

A ROADMAP FOR DELIVERING OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTMENTS IN RURAL AMERICA

Last Updated - April 2022

▶ BUILD.GOV ▶ RESOURCES

he Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will invest billions of dollars in rural communities across the country. Supporting Americans living in rural areas remains a top priority for the Biden Administration, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law delivers on the President's promises to work toward delivering affordable, high-speed internet, safe roads and bridges, modern wastewater systems, clean drinking water, reliable and affordable electricity, and good paying jobs in every rural community. In an effort to deliver on these promises, the Biden Administration is committed to improving transparency into the availability of federal infrastructure resources to support rural communities' ability to access these critical funds.

#### Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Rural Playbook 🤊

This playbook is intended to help rural communities understand the available funding for infrastructure provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and

#### RESOURCES

Rural Playbook

Tribal Playbook

State Fact Sheets

Open Funding Opportunities

Accelerating

Infrastructure

Workforce

Development Guide



## Inflation Reduction Act Rural Investments

- Combats Climate Change and Lowers Energy Costs
- Invests in Long-Term Resiliency and Reliability of Rural Electric Systems
- Invests in Farmers, Ranchers, and Forest Land-Owners to Deploy Climate-Smart Practices
- Strengthens the Resilience of Rural Lands to Climate Impact
- Supports Energy Producing Communities
- Lowers Prescription Drug Costs and Health Insurance Premiums



# Investing In America Technical Assistance Guide

- Deployed in September 2023
- Comprehensive Guide Providing Information on over 100
   Federal Technical Assistance Programs through Bipartisan
   Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Build.Gov

# INVESTING IN AMERICA

#### **Technical Assistance Guide**

A list of resources to help communities access infrastructure and clean energy funding

September 2023

#### Introduction

President Biden's Investing in America agenda unlocks billions of dollars in opportunity for states, territories, Tribes, and local governments to make a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, clean energy and climate resilience.

Over 90% of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)'s historic funding will be deployed by nonfederal partners. And the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides state, local, Tribal, territorial and non-governmental partners significant new funding for clean energy, climate mitigation and resilience, agriculture, and conservation-related investments through both grant funding and tax credits.

In the past, too many communities have lacked the resources to apply for and deploy transformative federal funding opportunities. The Biden-Harris Administration's goal is to help state, local, Tribal and territorial governments and other nongovernmental partners navigate, access, and deploy these record resources to build a better America. While there are many programs across the federal government dedicated to technical assistance, navigating the vast landscape of programs and resources can be challenging for communities. To ease this burden, the Biden Administration is committed to closing access gaps and making these opportunities transparent and available.

Technical assistance can mean different things to different people. For the purposes of this document, we are defining technical assistance as programs, processes, and resources that provide targeted support to a community, region, organization, or other beneficiary to help them access and deploy federal funding to deliver results.

This guide helps meet that goal by providing comprehensive information about more than 100 federal technical assistance programs that can support efforts to win Federal funding and deploy it in communities across the nation. It also provides similar information on the growing number of state programs designed to aid communities in winning funding under BIL and IRA.



## Rural Partners Network

- Whole-of-Government Approach to Help Rural Communities
   Find Resources
- Support Long-Term Economic Stability on Community's Own Terms
- Partnership Across Federal Agencies with Rural Desk Officers
- Community Liaisons in 10 States and Puerto Rico
- Rural.Gov





THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

## WH.GOV