



Funding for a connected future: The IIJA and technology

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is a once-in-a-generation federal funding opportunity that was signed into law in 2021. The IIJA is designed to help modernize America's physical and digital infrastructure.

It is also known as the:

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIB)
- INVEST in America Act
- Jobs Act
- Infrastructure Act



What does the IIJA fund?

The IIJA authorizes \$1.2 trillion for infrastructure spending. \$550 billion of that figure must be spent before 2026.

Although “infrastructure” spending includes physical infrastructure like roads and bridges, IIJA funding can also be used for:



Broadband connectivity

The IIJA's centerpiece, the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which has \$42.5 billion in funds

The BEAD Program, which includes:

\$74 million
for rural broadband

\$2.7 billion
for digital equity distributed
over five years

\$4.5 billion
for state broadband
with no end date

\$14.2 billion
for affordable connectivity
with no end date



Transportation

Around \$400 billion has been allocated for projects that make the nation's transportation systems safer and more resilient. This includes the digital infrastructure that helps power:



Roadways



Passenger and freight rail



Public transit



Airports, ports and waterways



Cybersecurity

IIJA contains funding to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments



How to apply for IIJA funding

To apply for IIJA funding, visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). There, you can find articles about how to determine eligibility and apply for funds, training videos that walk applicants through the process and grant writing tips. Applicants can also use the mobile app for searching and submitting on the go, as well as their chatbot that can answer the most frequently asked questions.

The [White House IIJA Guidebook](#) contains a roadmap for funding available under the law.

