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Total Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding Announced for California

California has had **\$20 billion**ⁱ announced in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding (formula and discretionary). Of this amount, **\$15.14**ⁱⁱ billion is dedicated to transportation-related projects, **\$4.60 billion**ⁱⁱⁱ is dedicated to clean energy, power, and environment projects, **\$177 million**^{iv} is dedicated to broadband projects, and **\$36.07 million**^v is for other projects.

Total Projects Funded with IIJA Funding

As of May 10, 2023, California has invested **\$3.69 billion**^{vi} in transportation projects.

Total Jobs Created

Since May 10, 2023, **47,992 jobs**^{vii} have been created in California.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

From October 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023, Caltrans has awarded **24.54 percent** of contracts to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Our goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024 is **22.2 percent**.^{viii}

Investments in Disadvantaged Communities

As of October 4, 2022, a total of **\$3.76 billion** on 843 Active Transportation Program projects will benefit disadvantaged communities throughout California. Four of the 208 projects in Northern California, totaling **\$14.7 million**, are

statewide initiatives, which support transportation partners across California to increase their opportunity to successfully deliver active transportation projects. Moreover, **93.8%** of Active Transportation Program project dollars (**\$3.76 billion out of \$4.0 billion**) benefit disadvantaged communities.^{ix}

Notable Grant Awards

California has received almost **\$2.2 billion** in transportation discretionary grants for **314 projects**. This represents **12.04 percent** of the national total. Please find attached a supplementary spreadsheet for the data on California's grant awards we are presently tracking.

Anticipated Grant Awards

June grant announcements are anticipated for the following programs:

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program,
- Low or No Emission Vehicle Program,
- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program, and the
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program.

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Active Notices of Funding Opportunity and their Deadlines

- [Public Transportation Emergency Relief Funds for Transit Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters Occurring in Calendar Years 2017 & 2020-2022](#) – 5/26/2023
- [Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Grant Program](#) – 5/30/2023
- [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Program](#) – 6/13/2023
- [Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities \(RTEPF\) Grant Program](#) – 6/26/2023
- [Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program \(Tribal Transit Program\)](#) – 6/26/2023
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#) – 7/10/2023
- [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary](#) – 8/18/2023

Notable Highlights

- April 12 – The United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FHWA announced a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) seeking public input on environmental review processes that can be improved under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Comments are due by June 1, 2023. More information is [here](#).
- April 26 – The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proposing new safety requirements to protect transit workers and riders. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is published [here](#). The [presentation](#) and [recording](#) of the webinar are now available for reference. Comments are due by June 26, 2023.

- April 28 – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) invites public input to review four key considerations of its civil aviation noise policy. The FAA published a Federal Notice [here](#) and will hold Noise Policy Review Webinars May 16-25, 2023, [here](#). Comments are due by July 31, 2023.
- May 8 – The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced a technical RFI on [Development of Guidance for Zero-Emission Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Port Equipment, and Fueling Infrastructure Deployment under the Inflation Reduction Act Funding Programs](#) to inform the development of the new Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Clean Ports Programs in the IRA. Comments are due by June 5, 2023.
- May 15 – The Biden-Harris Administration Kicks off Infrastructure Week by Highlighting Tremendous Progress Rebuilding America's Infrastructure 18 Months In. More information is [here](#).

Current Call for Caltrans Letter of Support (LOS) & Partnership Requests

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for FY23 (LOS Request Only) – Requests DUE **May 19, 2023**
- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program for FY22 and FY23 – Requests DUE **June 30, 2023**
- Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (FY22/23) - Contact your [District Representative](#) for a letter of support.

For more information and to apply:
[Strategic Investment Planning | Caltrans](#)

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Anticipated IIJA Notices of Funding Opportunity

- [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\)](#) – **Coming soon ...**
Provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.
- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Mega, INFRA, and Rural) – **May 2023 ...**
 - [National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program \(MEGA\)](#)
Provides grants to surface transportation infrastructure that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs that will have a significant national or regional impact.
 - [Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects \(INFRA\)](#)
Provides grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance.
 - [Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program](#)
Provides grants for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.
- [Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program; Passenger Ferry Boat Program](#) – **May 2023 ...**
Capital and operating assistance for a ferry service that operated a regular schedule at any time during the five-year period ending March 1, 2020 and served not less than two rural areas located more than 50 sailing miles apart.
- [Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects \(NSFLTP\) Program](#) – **Coming soon ...**
Provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands. This Program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and tribal lands.

Please see the U. S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) [weblink](#) for a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for IIJA and the IRA, as well as adjacent programs that support IIJA and IRA objectives. The list on this website is not comprehensive and will be updated periodically with additional programs and revised dates, as appropriate.

NOTE: Please try to register/submit your grant applications on [Grants.gov](#) prior to the application's due date, in the event there are unforeseen website issues.

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Want to Compete for Federal Grant Funding Opportunities? Technical Assistance and Resources

Webinars

- **RIA Grant Program** – An Informational Webinar was held Monday, May 1, 2023. View the slides [here!](#)
- FHWA will host a **Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Webinar – Tribal Governments Session** on [May 17, 2023, 10:30 am-12 pm \(ET\)](#). This webinar is intended to provide an overview of the WCPP, provide Tribal applicants with knowledge for applying to program, and clarify any questions associated with the application process. This webinar is free and open to the public but is intended for Tribal representatives eligible to receive funds under the WCPP. [Register here.](#)
- FHWA will host a **Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (RTEPF) Grant Program Informational Webinar** on [May 18, 2023, 1 pm-2:30 pm \(ET\)](#). This session will provide background and application information for potential applicants and other interested parties for the FY22/FY23 solicitation for RTEPF Grant Program. [Register here.](#)
- USDOT and FHWA will host a webinar on [May 22, 2023, 4 pm-5pm \(ET\)](#) about **how to identify and respond to Federal transportation grant opportunities**. The webinar will showcase the **USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard**, a new tool that makes it easier to search for and find grant opportunities depending on the type of project you have, your organization type, and other considerations like match requirements. Rural, tribal, and local governments will find this an especially helpful tool. The webinar will also highlight the FHWA's [Wildlife Crossings Program](#) and the [PROTECT Program](#) – both of which are currently accepting applications; and other new resources available on the [DOT Navigator](#). This webinar is free to attend but registration is required. [Register here.](#)

Technical Assistance and Resources

- [Technical Assistance Guide for Communities](#) – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide. A list of federal resources to help communities deliver infrastructure projects.
- [DOT Navigator](#) – The DOT Navigator is a new resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for/deliver transformative infrastructure projects/services.
- [Whitehouse Open and Upcoming Infrastructure Funding Opportunities](#) – This document highlights funding opportunities that communities can apply for today as well as a calendar of key upcoming funding opportunities for 2023.
- [TRAINING & RESOURCES | Caltrans Local Assistance](#) – Offers training classes for local and tribal agencies in coordination with the Local Technical Assistance Program ([LTAP](#)) and with funds from the Cooperative Training Assistance Program ([CTAP](#)). In partnership with California universities, these subsidized classes assist local and tribal agencies with the federal-aid process, as well as infrastructure management, worker and work site safety, and workforce development.
- [CalSTA's IJA Implementation Website](#) – Offers resources and materials related to their effort to implement the IJA with California transportation stakeholders.
- [Caltrans' 2022 IJA Policy Narrative](#) – This document highlights the significant progress that CalSTA and Caltrans have been working with its partners to implement the legislation.

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^{vi} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers>

^{vii} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers> - (based on 13,000 jobs per \$1B invested)

^{viii} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers>

^{ix} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/investments-in-disadvantaged-communities>