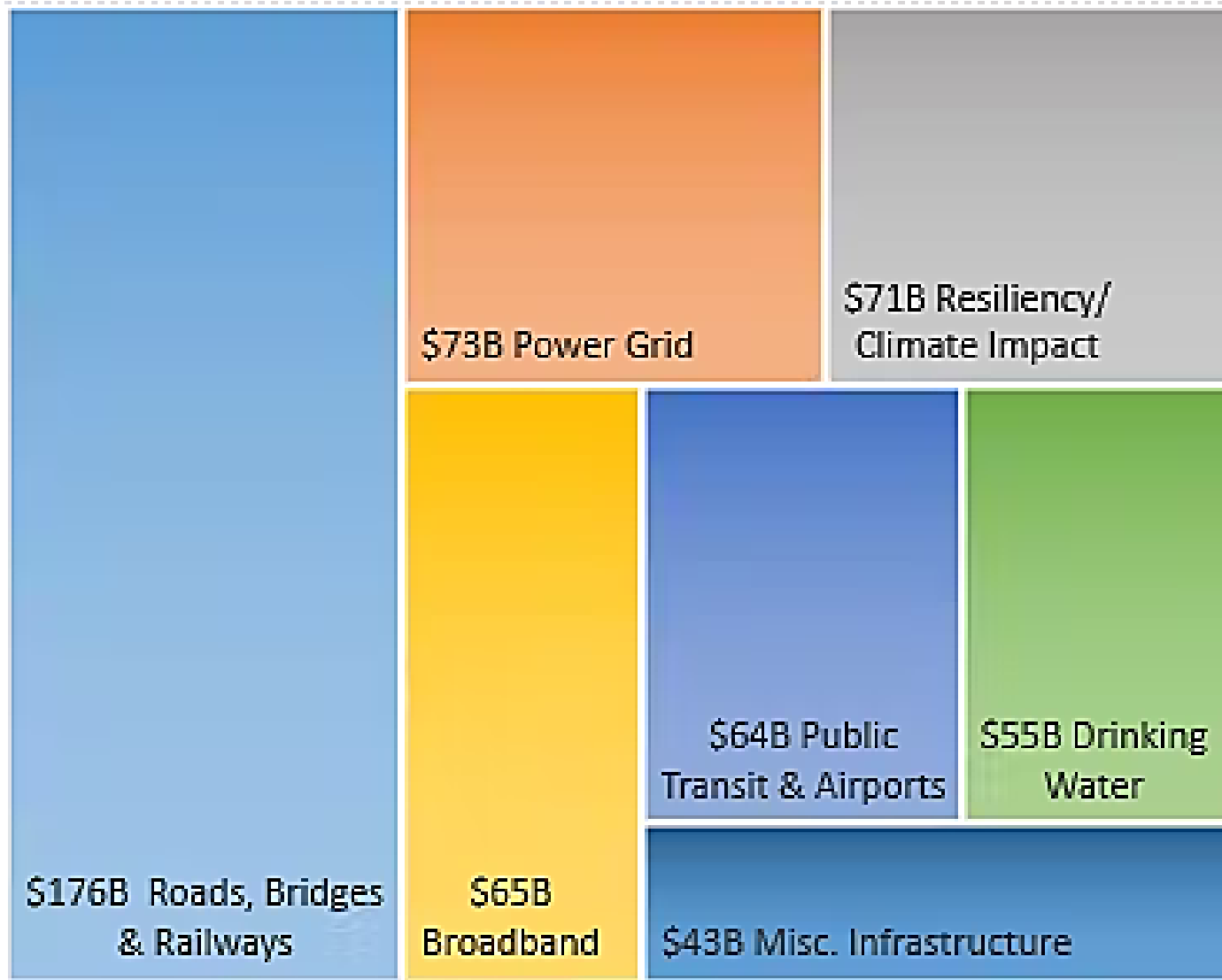


# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



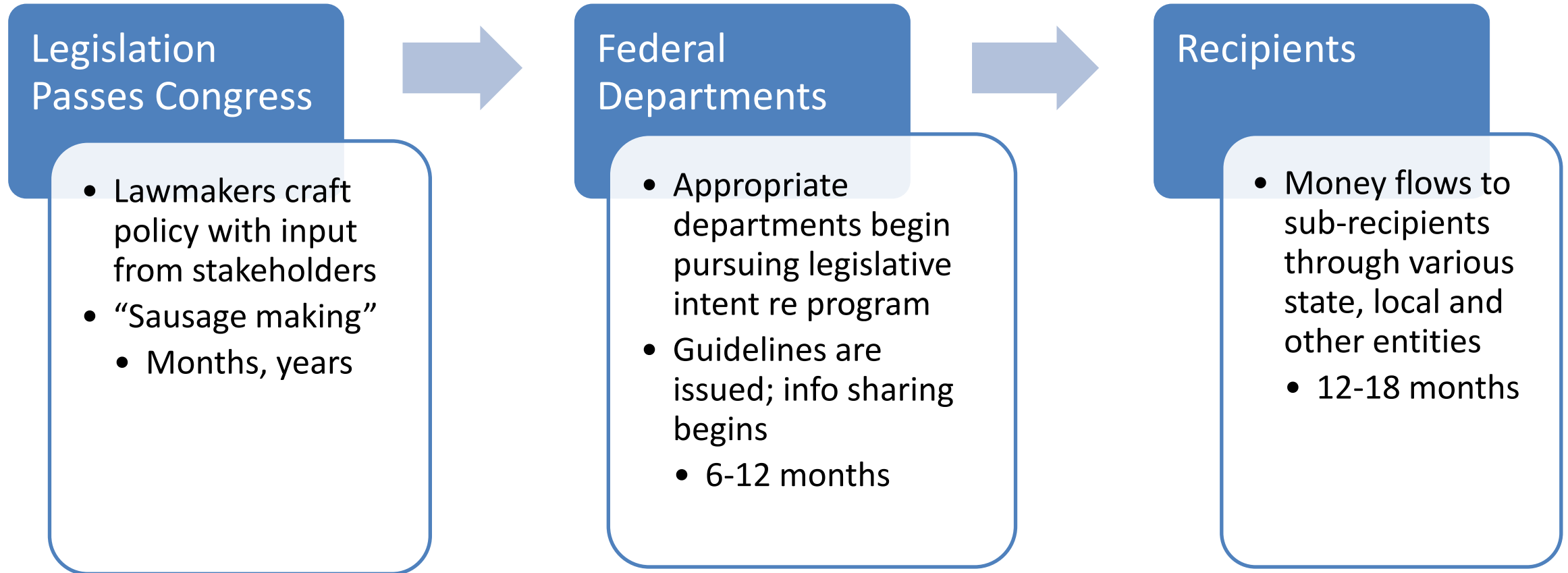
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# Funding Overview



- Total Funding: **\$1.2 trillion** for transportation and infrastructure spending
  - **\$550 billion** goes towards “new” investments and programs
  - Department of Transportation will receive **\$567.5 billion** (reauthorization of surface transportation programs)

# Legislation to Deliverables



# Key Themes: Equity & Sustainability

- High-speed internet access for all
- Investment in addressing legacy pollution
- Transportation funding focused on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users
- Investment in public transportation to increase access and reduce GHG emissions
- Climate resiliency
- Access and resources for rural and disadvantaged communities
- **Focus on these themes to increase funding eligibility**
- **Grant programs and audits will include sustainability metrics**

# Justice40

- **Goal:**
  - 40% “of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution”
- **Invests within the Justice40 Initiative:**
  - Climate change
  - Clean energy and energy efficiency
  - Clean transit
  - Affordable and sustainable housing
  - Training and workforce development
  - Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution
  - Development of critical clean water and waste water infrastructure
- **Interim Implementation Guidance for Federal agencies:**
  - Initial recommendations
  - Actions required of agencies that manage Justice40 programs
- **The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST):**
  - Mapping tool for identifying disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution





# Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act

- History of domestic preference
- “...iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used...”
- Initial [implementation guidance](#) released in April
- Agencies may grant waivers:
  - Preference would be inconsistent with public interest
  - Types of materials not produced in sufficient, reasonably available quantities
  - Inclusion of such materials will increase project costs more than 25%
- IIJA also codified Made in America Office (MIAO)

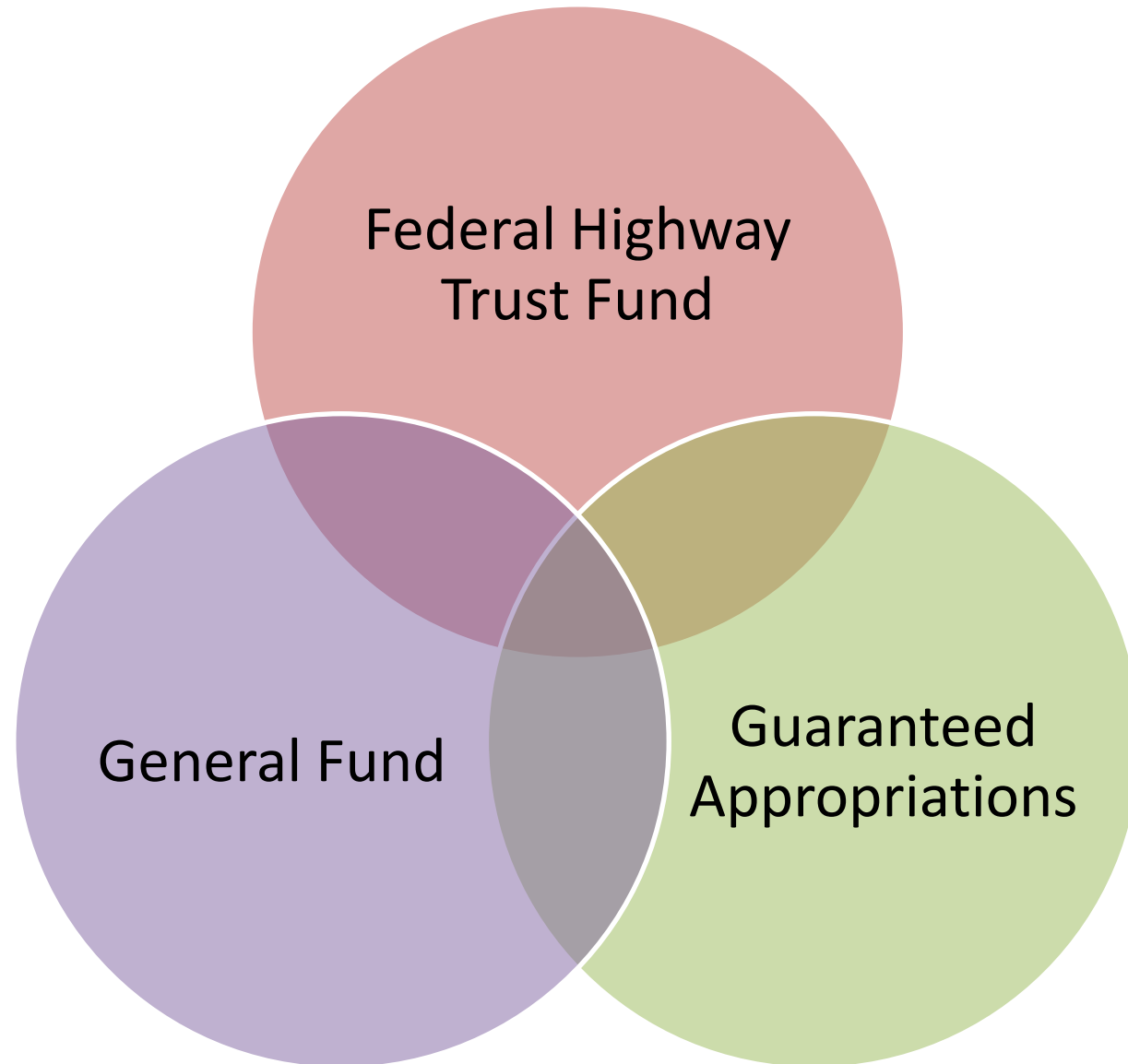


# In the Middle of BABA Waivers: EPA

- Opposition to proposed waivers:
  - The proposed waiver only exempts projects that meet narrowly defined parameters prior to the effective date of the law, Saturday, May 14, 2022, and
  - offers no adjustment period for development and implementation of the new guidance for procurement of construction materials and manufactured products
- Proposed Solution: issue a temporary public interest waiver of domestic preference procurement requirements for construction materials and manufactured goods for SRF borrowers who “initiated design planning” for water infrastructure projects:
  - prior to the effective date of the law,
  - during the period of time between the effective date of the law until such a time as EPA issues comprehensive implementation guidance, and
  - for at least six months after the EPA issues final comprehensive implementation guidance that clearly defines the rules of compliance.



# Where the Funding Comes From





# Funding Mechanisms

## ○ Grants

### ■ Formula Grants

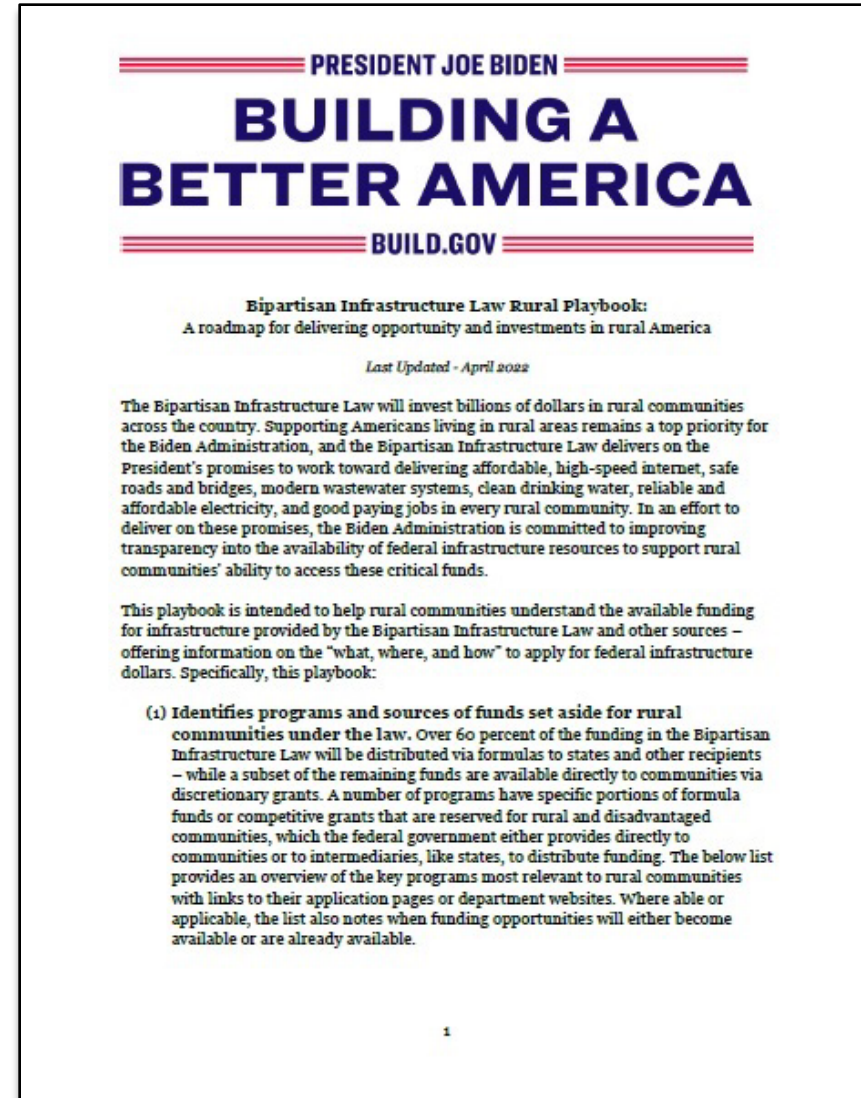
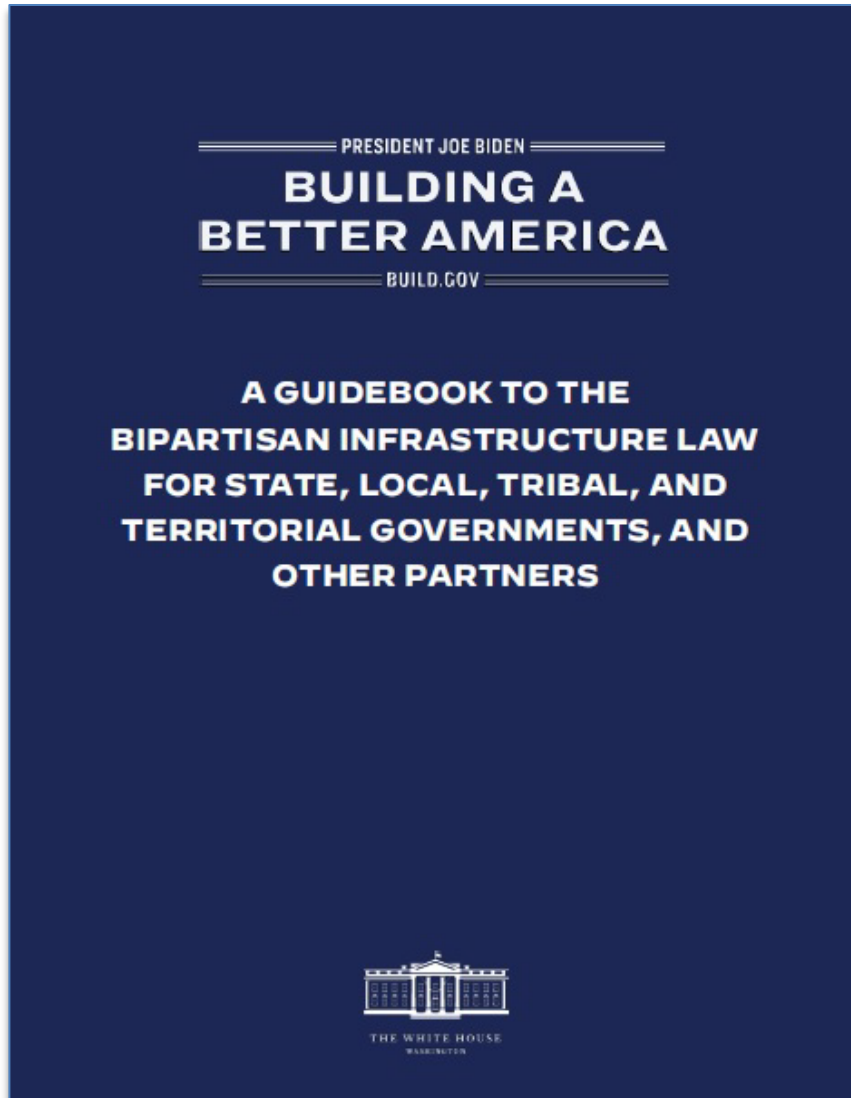
- Noncompetitive: Designated recipients will receive funding
- Still require application and meeting of requirements

### ■ Competitive Grants

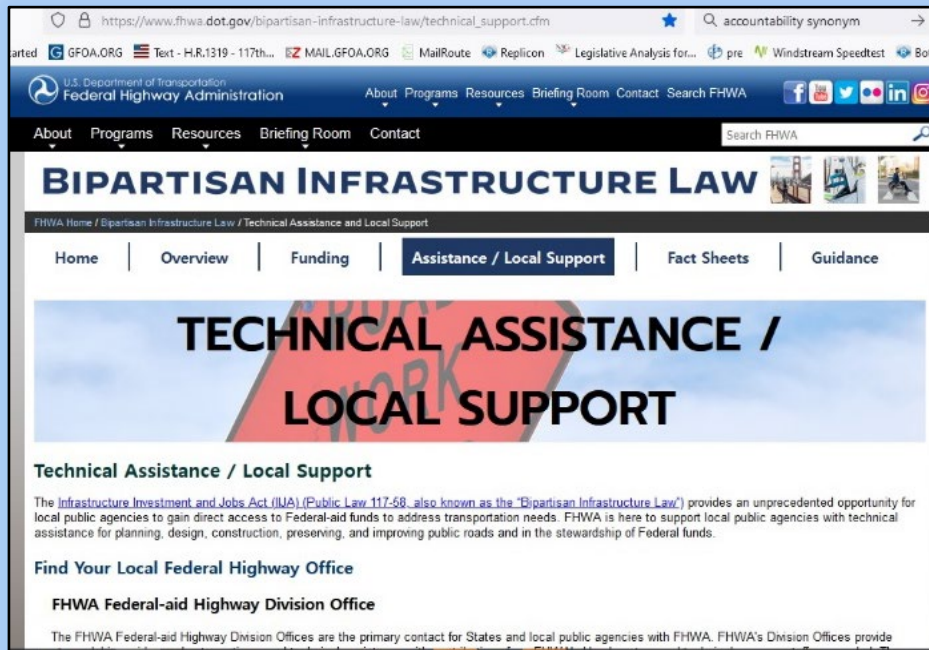
- Require eligibility and applications
- Also called discretionary grants



# Implementation

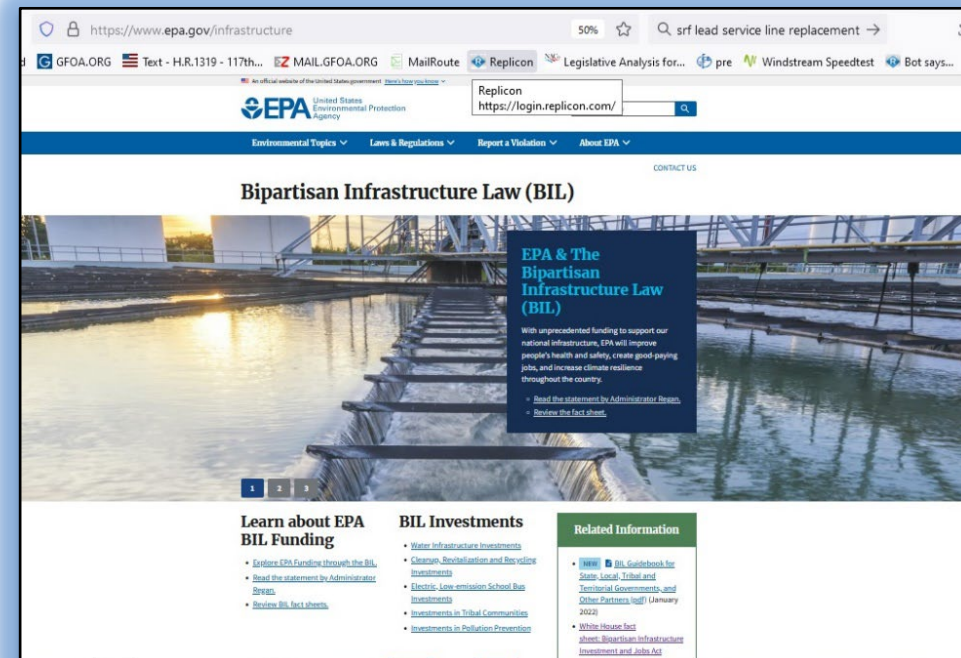


# Implementation



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# Current NOFOs

- Bridge Investment Program
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
- Broadband, Equity Access, and Deployment Program
- Digital Equity Act
- Middle Mile Grants Program
- Safe Streets and Roads For All
- Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities
- Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants
- Coastal Zone Management Grants
- Marine Debris Removal Grants



# Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

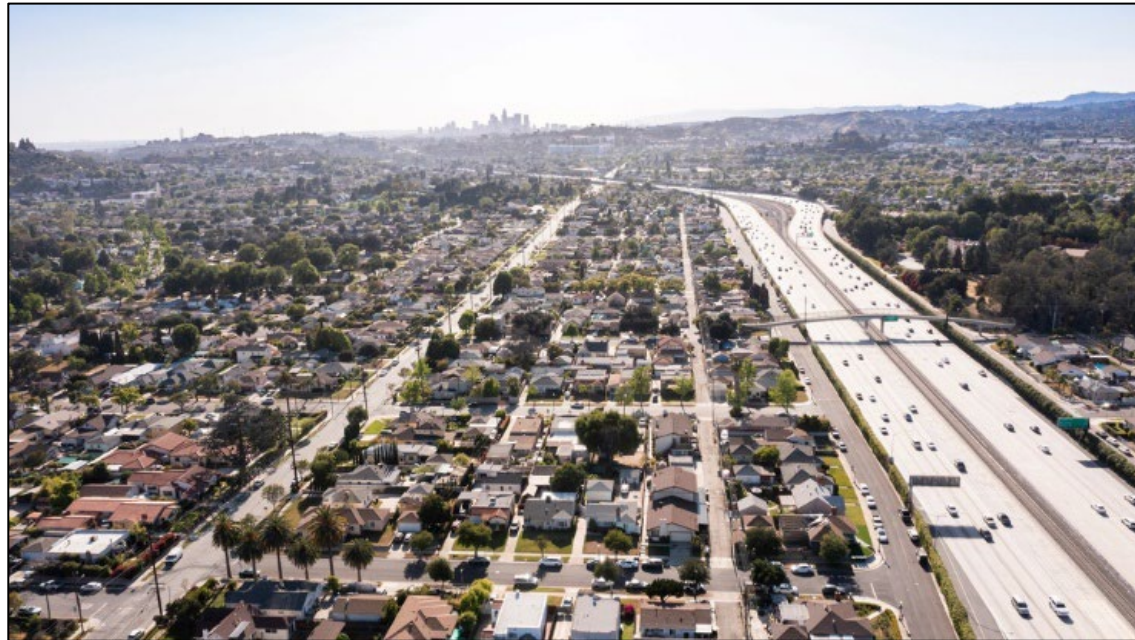
- Approximately \$2.4 billion is now available for FY 2022.
- Competitive and discretionary grant program focusing on existing bridges
  - Reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or
  - Bridges in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition
- Entities eligible to apply:
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
  - Local Governments
  - Federal Land Agencies
  - Tribes
- Application due dates:
  - Planning Grant Applications are due by **11:59 PM EDT July 25, 2022**
  - Land Bridge Project Grant Applications are due by **11:59 PM EDT August 9, 2022**
  - Bridge Project Grant Applications are due by **11:59 PM EDT September 8, 2022**





# Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

- Approximately \$195 million currently available, \$50 million toward planning grants and \$145 million to capital construction grant funds
- Pilot program restore community connectivity
- Removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic deployment.
- Entities eligible to apply:
  - States
  - Local governments
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations
  - Tribes
  - Nonprofit organizations
  - Others

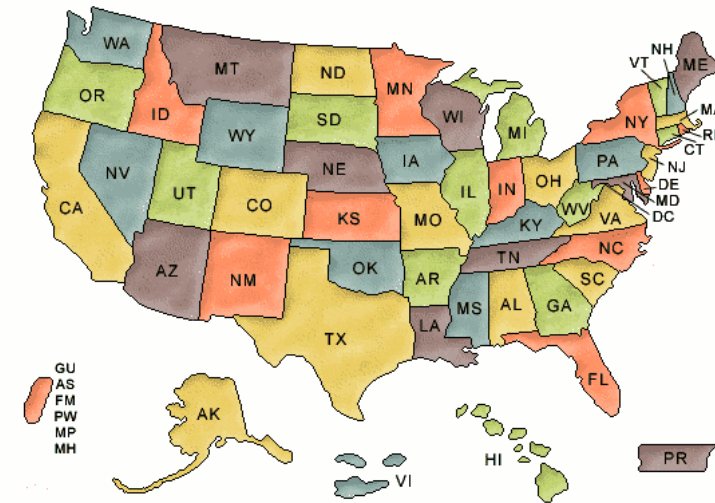


**Applications are due at 11:59 PM EDT on October 13, 2022.**

# Broadband, Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD) Program

- Approximately \$42.45 billion available
- Program goal is to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders, to build infrastructure where we need it to and increase adoption of high-speed internet
- Entities eligible to apply for this program include:
  - All 50 states
  - The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
  - Other Territories: U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Applications are due at  
**11:59 PM EDT on July 18, 2022**



# Digital Equity Act



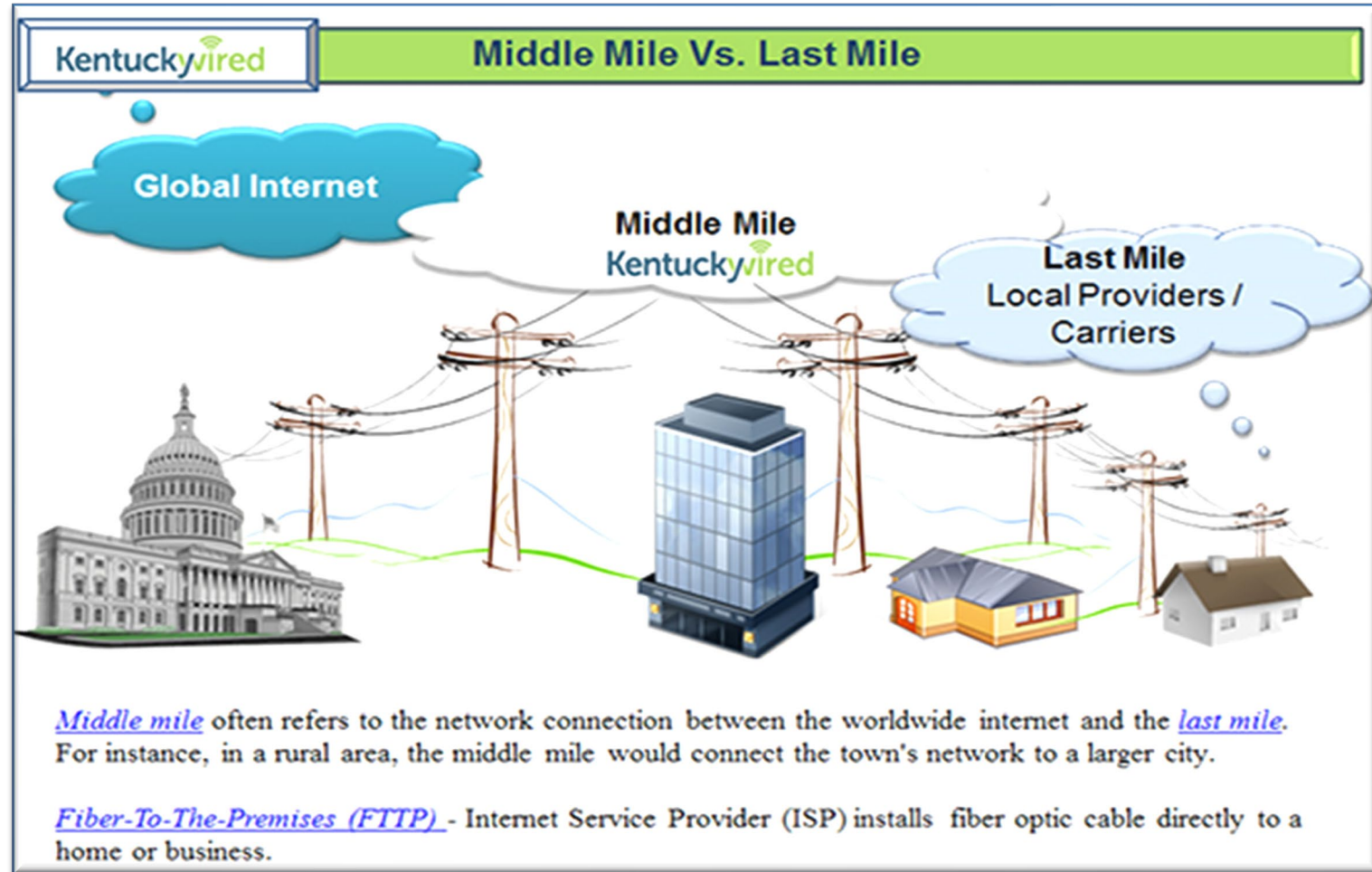
- \$2.75 billion available
- Three programs to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all
- Applications are due at  
**11:59 PM EDT on July 12**

- State Planning:
  - \$60 million formula funding to develop digital equity plans
- State Capacity:
  - \$1.44 billion formula funding program to **implement** plans & promote digital inclusion
- Competitive:
  - \$1.25 billion to implement digital equity and inclusion activities
  - Eligible applicants include (but not limited to) state governments and any political subdivisions of a state, local education agencies

# Middle Mile Grants Program

- \$1B available
- Expand middle mile infrastructure, reduce costs for unserved/underserved
- Entities eligible include but not limited to:
  - Government entities (states, counties, cities, townships, tribal governments)
  - Utilities
  - Companies

**Applications are due at 11:59 PM EDT on September 30, 2022**





# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Applications are due at 11:59 PM EST on September 15, 2022

## Funding

**\$5 billion** in competitive grants to support local **initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets**, commonly referred to as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” initiatives.

## Eligible Projects

- An eligible project includes projects to:
- develop a **comprehensive safety action plan**
  - conduct planning, design, and development activities for **projects and strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan**
  - carry out projects and strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan

## Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients include **metropolitan planning organizations, political subdivisions of a state**, federally recognized tribal governments, or a multijurisdictional group of entities described here.



# Cybersecurity

## State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

- Funding Amount: \$1,000,000,000
- For state, local and tribal governments to address cybersecurity risks, threats to info systems
- Eligible uses include cybersecurity plan development, implementation, addressing imminent threats

Applications likely to open  
during the third quarter of 2022



# FY22 Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities

- Funding: ~ \$10M in FY22
  - Anticipated funding awards: \$250,000-\$500,000 over 3 years
- Objective:
  - “Invest in building organizational capacity and supporting restoration activities that benefit underserved communities and enhance their resilience to climate hazards”
- Eligible Applicants includes:
  - State, local, and tribal governments that can demonstrate status as an underserved community, or that partner with underserved communities or tribal or tribal entities, in coastal areas
- Deadline: **September 30, 2022**



# FY22 Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants

- Funding: Up to \$85M in FY22
  - Anticipated award amounts: \$3M-\$8M over 3 years
- Objective:
  - “Support transformational projects that restore marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystems, using approaches that enhance community and ecosystem resilience to climate hazards”
- Eligible Applicants Include:
  - State, local, and Native American tribal Governments
- Deadline: **September 6, 2022**



# Marine Debris Removal

- \$28 million available
- Funding to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris
- Eligible entities include:
  - States
  - Counties
  - Cities
  - Townships
  - Special Districts
  - Tribes
  - Other Organizations
- **Applications are due by September 30, 2022**





# Some Water Program Changes

## ■ Section 50108 Needs Assessment for Nationwide Rural and Urban Low-Income Community:

- ❖ EPA Administrator to prepare and submit to Congress a **comprehensive report**
- ❖ Municipalities, communities, and Tribes with a disproportionate number of people who spend a *disproportionate amount of household income on access to public drinking water or wastewater services or who have unsustainable levels of water-related debt*

## ■ Section 50202 Wastewater Efficiency Grant Pilot Program:

- ❖ EPA to establish a **wastewater efficiency grant pilot program**
- ❖ Projects that *create or improve waste-to-energy systems*
- ❖ **Authorizes \$20M annually FY22-FY26**

## ■ Section 50205 Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program:

- ❖ Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- ❖ EPA Administrator to **establish a clean water infrastructure resilience and sustainability program** providing
- ❖ grants for the purpose of *increasing the resilience of publicly owned treatment works...*
- ❖ **Authorizes \$25M annually FY22-FY26**

## ■ Section 50207 Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works Efficiency Grant Program:

- ❖ Amends the Clean Water Act
- ❖ EPA to **develop an “efficiency grant program” for small publicly owned water systems or non-profit groups that assist such systems**
- ❖ *Replacement or repair of equipment that improves water or energy efficiency of small publicly owned treatment works*
- ❖ Funding TBD – IIJA did not include authorization of appropriations



# Further Resources

- GFOA Website
  - IIJA Implementation Resources
  - IIJA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Tracker
- Build.gov
  - BIL Guidebook and
  - BIL Rural Playbook
  - BIL Tribal Playbook
  - Fact Sheet: Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

# Member Resource

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.gfoa.org/the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act-iija-was>. The browser's address bar shows the page is zoomed to 90%. The GFOA logo is in the top left, and navigation links for 'MEMBER COMMUNITIES', 'LEARNING DASHBOARD', 'EVENTS', 'MATERIALS LIBRARY', 'LOG IN', and 'SIGN UP' are in the top right. A secondary navigation bar includes 'MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION', 'BEST PRACTICES & RESOURCES', 'ADVOCACY & AWARDS', 'I WANT TO', and a search icon.

The main content area features a large blue banner with the text: **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Implementation Resources**. Above this banner, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Federal Advocacy / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Implementation Resources. Below the banner, a paragraph states: **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), was signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021. The law authorizes \$1.2 trillion for**

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# Questions?

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