

INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

ALASKA

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Alaska has added over **31,700 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$8 million** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and thousands of people in Alaska stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

As of October 2024



27 thousand individuals in Alaska signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



\$192.4 million in student debt cancellation has been approved for **3,530** people in Alaska under the Biden-Harris Administration.



116 thousand seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



\$8 million in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



4.6% unemployment rate with **31.7 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



\$10.1 billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



32.4 thousand applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$8 million in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ In **Houston, Alaska**, Renewable IPP built the largest solar project in the state.
- ★ For the full list of announced private sector investments in Alaska, please visit [Invest.gov](https://www.invest.gov).

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Alaska's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ **Alaska Marine Highway**: The Alaska Marine Highway received **\$286 million** to bring ferry service to remote areas, build new docks and terminals, and reduce emissions in the transportation sector.
- ★ **Port of Nome Improvements**: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded **\$250 million** to upgrade and expand the **Port of Nome**, allowing larger vessels to access the harbor. This will allow for increased commerce to this region that is disconnected from Alaska's highway system, strengthen supply chains, and help lower costs for families.
- ★ **Anchorage International Airport Upgrades**: The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport received **\$41 million** to make major improvements, including replacing the passenger boarding bridge and installing new terminal equipment. These improvements will enhance the airport's passenger capacity and energy efficiency.
- ★ **ARRC Bridge Replacement**: The Alaska Railroad Corporation will **receive \$17 million** to replace an aging railroad bridge that crosses the Chena River at Fort Wainwright in **Fairbanks, Alaska**. The proposed bridge will have a reduced total length of approximately 342 feet and will consist of 4 spans placed atop existing piers. The remaining distance over low-lying ground will be replaced with an embankment, reducing the total bridge length by nearly half. The bridge is part of Alaska Railroad Corporation's (ARRC) Eielson Branch, which links ARRC's main line at Fairbanks with Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base.
- ★ **Choggiung Limited Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program**: The Department of Commerce awarded **\$30 million** to Choggiung Limited, the largest Alaska Native village corporation in the **Bristol Bay** area. The project, which is now under construction, will construct 77 miles of fiber between **Lovelock, AK** and **Dillingham, AK**, creating a more resilient internet network in the region. The

project will also directly connect over 900 Alaska Native households to high-speed internet.

- ★ **Nome to Homer Express Middle Mile Project**: This project, funded with **\$88.9 million** from the Department of Commerce, will build 1,065-miles of fiber to complete a fiber beltway around the state of Alaska, connecting rural communities along the way. The project will help enable equitable access to critical telehealth services, more educational resources, greater opportunities for business growth and innovation, and increased connection to other parts of the world despite living in remote locations.
- ★ **Tribal Electrification Program: Levelock Village, Kootznoowoo, Chickaloon Native Village and the Tanana Chiefs Conference** - representing a geographic spread from southeast to northwest Alaska - received a total of **nearly \$20 million** for the first round of Tribal Electrification awards to plan and develop electrification systems adapted to their specific circumstances and tailored to Alaska's harsh climate. This includes development of a sustainable microgrid; renewable energy to replace expensive diesel power; and designing and constructing solar power to offset household residential electricity use.
- ★ **Oil Burning System Replacements**: The Southeast Conference (made up of Alaskan Southern Coastal Communities) will receive **\$38 million** in grants for the "Accelerating Clean Energy Savings in Alaska's Coastal Communities" program, which will provide advisory services and incentives to replace residential oil burning systems with energy-efficient heat pumps in 50 Alaskan communities.
- ★ **Solar Infrastructure**: The Tanana Chiefs Conference will receive **\$62 million** in funding that will provide Tribal residents throughout Alaska the opportunity to benefit from solar. The Alaska Energy Authority is also receiving **\$62 million** to deploy solar infrastructure across the state.
- ★ **Tribal Climate Resilience**: The Department of the Interior awarded **\$25 million** each to **Newtok Village** and the **Native Village of Napakiak** in Alaska to support community-driven relocation efforts. These Tribal communities are experiencing severe impacts of climate change, including rapid erosion and flooding that threaten critical infrastructure. This funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help the villages relocate homes and structures out of harm's way to secure the communities' futures.