

**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN**

# INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

## AMERICAN SAMOA

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, thousands of people in American Samoa stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

*As of October 2024*



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



**\$299.1 million** in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.

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

- ★ **Aunu'u Wharf Reconstruction**: The Government of American Samoa was awarded **\$2.1 million** for the Aunu'u Wharf Reconstruction Project in **Pago Pago**. The funds will help fortify, repair, and upgrade the wharf, which is currently Aunu'u Island's only access point.
- ★ **New Low Emission Ferries**: The American Samoa Department of Public Works was awarded a **\$21.2 million** Ferry Program grant to acquire two low-emission vessels that will operate from **Tutuila** to the islands of **Manu'a**. This project will expand service, enhance reliability, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ★ **Ofu Airport Climate Resiliency Enhancements**: The Ofu Airport was awarded **\$540,000** for a storm damage reduction and resilience project that will

protect the airport's runway from erosion and improve runway safety. Additionally, **Ofu Island** received funds to complete a feasibility study for a resilience project in Tau Harbor.

- ★ **Recycling Infrastructure Improvements**: The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded over **\$753,000** to help the American Samoa Power Authority establish, expand, and improve recycling infrastructure on the islands. This project will develop solid waste management plans, establish six new transfer stations to collect recyclables in the islands and at the Futiga Landfill.
- ★ **Runway Rehabilitation at Pago Pago International Airport**: The Federal Aviation Administration at the Department of Transportation awarded the Pago Pago Airport with **\$2.1 million** for runway rehabilitation.
- ★ **American Samoa Ferry Boat Program**: The Federal Highway Administration has made more than **\$850,000** available in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding for American Samoa's Department of Port Administration for ferries. The program's funds can be used to construct boats and terminal facilities, including ferry maintenance facilities. Ferry boats provide essential travel services for residents and visitors in American Samoa.
- ★ **Territorial Highway Program**: American Samoa is part of the **\$239 million** Territorial highway program that will support the construction and improvement of a system of arterial and collector highways and necessary inter-island connectors.
- ★ **Sea Level Rise Data**: The American Samoa Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management will receive **\$2.8 million** to collect and update data on sea level rise to ensure that it is the most current and accurate for all seven islands of American Samoa.