

# INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, South Dakota has added over **32,400 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$1.7 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and thousands of people in South Dakota stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

*As of October 2024*



**53 thousand** individuals in South Dakota signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



**\$377.1 million** in student debt cancellation has been approved for **7,810** people in South Dakota under the Biden-Harris Administration.



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



**\$1.7 billion** in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**2.0%** unemployment rate with **32.4 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



**\$3.5 billion** in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**40.6 thousand** applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$1.7 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Gevo recently broke ground on a **\$1 billion** project to build a new biofuels facility in **Lake Preston**, the largest such investment in South Dakota history. The project is expected create 1,000 construction jobs and 90 long-term, high-paying jobs.
- ★ AEsir Technologies is investing **\$300 million** to build a nickel-zinc battery manufacturing facility in South Dakota, creating 400 new jobs and strengthening the U.S. electric vehicle supply chain.
- ★ For the full list of announced private sector investments in South Dakota, please visit [Invest.gov](https://www.invest.gov).

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

- ★ **Big Bend Dam**: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded **\$5 million** toward repairs for flood damages, replacement of relief well collectors, seepage drains, and unwatering sump piping and valves at Big Bend Dam in **Lake Sharpe**, South Dakota.
- ★ **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Roadway Reconstruction**: The South Dakota Department of Transportation received **\$10 million** to fund roadway reconstruction on the **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation** in **Oglala**, providing good-paying jobs and workforce development training for the Pine Ridge tribal community.
- ★ **Lewis & Clark Rural Water System**: The Lewis & Clark Rural Water System has now connected all 20 of its communities to a clean water supply thanks to an investment of **\$142 million** from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which accelerated construction by a decade. This project built over 300 miles of pipes to deliver reliable clean water from the Missouri River to over 350,000 people in rural Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.
- ★ **Sisseton Milbank Railroad Modernization Project**: The Department of Transportation has awarded **\$24.7 million** to the South Dakota Department of Transportation for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in South Dakota. The proposed project involves design and construction activities for the replacement of 37 miles of the Sisseton Milbank Railroad (SMRR), including the rehabilitation of one bridge. The project will result in safety benefits with a reduced chance of derailments and increased track speed, and will enable more efficient truck unloading operations and transportation of grain along the corridor.

- ★ **White River School District 47-1:** The Department of Energy awarded approximately **\$14 million** to the White River School District 47-1, which is in a rural, sparsely populated county. The largest portion of this project is a fully electrified and centrally controlled HVAC system which will directly impact the project goal of reducing greenhouse gases and provide the necessary financial benefit of removing expensive propane and fuel oil. This first-of-its-kind investment will help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utility costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments while prioritizing high-need school communities.
  
- ★ **Improving Mobility, Safety and Access to the Pine Ridge Reservation:** The **\$16.7 million** Department of Transportation grant will reconstruct approximately 8.7 miles of South Dakota Highway 73 and add lighting improvements along nearly one mile of SD 248 in the **City of Kadoka**. Improvements include expanding roadway shoulders, installing edge-line rumble strips, addressing deficient horizontal and vertical curves, installing culverts, and adding lighting. It will also improve mobility and connectivity for the Pine Ridge Reservation.
  
- ★ **South Dakota Grasslands Initiative:** The South Dakota Grasslands Initiative will receive **\$25 million** in funding to restore over 25,000 acres of grassland across the state over the next five years.