

# INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

## WASHINGTON

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Washington has added over **411,400 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$2.8 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and millions of people in Washington stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

*As of October 2024*



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



**\$2.5 billion** in student debt cancellation has been approved for **48,920** people in Washington under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**1.5 million** seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



**\$2.8 billion** in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**4.8%** unemployment rate with **411.4 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



**\$12.1 billion** in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



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

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$2.8 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ IonQ intends to invest **\$1 billion** to open the country's first-ever quantum computing manufacturing facility. The **Bothell**, Washington facility is projected to create thousands of permanent jobs in the Pacific Northwest.
- ★ Sila Nanotechnologies is investing **\$300 million** in a battery materials plant to supply electric vehicle manufacturing, creating up to 300 new jobs. This investment is supported by a grant from the Department of Energy. The company will work with local high schools, vocational training programs, and community colleges to recruit and train talent.
- ★ Group14 has committed **\$223 million** to build an electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant in **Moses Lake** that is expected to create over 500 jobs.
- ★ For the full list of announced private sector investments in Washington, please visit [Invest.gov](https://invest.wa.gov).

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

- ★ **Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub**: The Department of Energy awarded **\$1 billion** to the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub, covering **Washington, Oregon, and Montana**. This hub will remove approximately 1.7 million metric tons per year of CO2 emissions—equivalent to removing the emissions from roughly 346,000 gasoline-powered cars annually—through a transition to clean hydrogen.
- ★ **Lummi Island Electric-battery Hybrid Ferry**: A **\$25 million** grant administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation will replace a functionally obsolete 60-year-old ferry with an electric-battery hybrid ferry that provides service to and from the rural community of **Lummi Island**, which can only be accessed by boat.
- ★ **Port of Tacoma**: The Port of Tacoma has received **\$54 million** from the Department of Transportation for improvements and reconfigurations at its terminal yard.
- ★ **Interstate Bridge Replacement Program**: The Department of Transportation awarded **\$2 billion** to replace the I-5 bridge over **the Columbia River, connecting Vancouver, Washington to Portland, Oregon**. The new bridge will be more resilient to future challenges including correcting structural weaknesses, seismic risks, and congestion issues.

- ★ **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Project:** The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport has been awarded a total of **\$36.4 million** from the Federal Aviation Administration. In 2022, they received **\$10 million** to modernize restrooms to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, build low-flow fixtures and refillable water stations, install energy efficient lighting, and build three service-animal relief areas. In 2023, they received **\$16 million** to improve a security check point. The project will include energy efficient upgrades and will meet or exceed all applicable ADA standards. In 2024, the airport received **\$10.4 million** to widen the arrivals terminal access road by two lanes, including realignment of the departures access road and associated infrastructure.
  
- ★ **Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project:** The Department of Transportation awarded **Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe** with approximately **\$25 million** to replace the Big Quilcene River bridge on Linger Longer Road. The new bridge will have pedestrian infrastructure and will also replace flood-prone segments of Linger Longer Road.
  
- ★ **Mount Vernon Library Commons:** The Department of Transportation awarded a **\$12.5 million** Charging and Fueling Infrastructure award to build out 76 EV chargers -- 4 DCFCs and 72 Level 2 chargers -- as a part of the Mount Vernon Library Commons project, which includes public library services, a commercial kitchen, public restrooms, a park and ride, and a transit stop. This project was also supported by a TIFIA loan from the Department of Transportation. Construction on this project is complete.
  
- ★ **Emissions Reduction:** King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties will receive **\$50 million** in funding to support the reduction of operational emissions from existing multifamily and small commercial buildings. The funds will also help reduce embodied carbon emissions in new building construction and the creation of systems to reuse wood at the end of a building’s life to avoid emissions.
  
- ★ **Solar Energy:** The Washington State Department of Commerce will receive **\$156 million** in funding to launch several programs that will expand solar access to income-qualified residents and frontline communities throughout the state.