



THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

March 31, 2021

On March 31, 2021, President Biden announced the American Jobs Plan. Consistent with the Justice40 Initiative and in line with [Climate Crisis Action Plan](#) recommendations to center environmental justice at the heart of climate action, the American Jobs Plan targets 40 percent of the benefits of climate and clean infrastructure investments to environmental justice communities. The announced investments further the following recommendations from the Climate Crisis Action Plan:

BUILD A CLEANER AND MORE RESILIENT TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

- Encourage smart transportation policies to increase consumer choice, reduce congestion, and reduce carbon pollution.
- Expedite deployment and spur domestic manufacturing of zero-emission vehicles and supporting infrastructure.
- Procure more electric and zero-emission vehicles for federal fleets, including civilian and Postal Service fleets.
- Build a cleaner and more resilient maritime and shipping sector, and reduce emissions from port operations.
- Build a cleaner and more resilient aviation sector.
- Embed environmental justice in federal decision-making, and invest in environmental justice communities.

BUILD AND REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES FOR RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE IMPACTS

- Increase resilience for critical infrastructure and essential services, including the electric grid, transportation, food systems, and community health and hospitals.
- Prioritize investment to areas of greatest physical risk and economic need.
- Help communities rebuild to stronger codes and standards.
- Enhance the capacities of land and water resources, including our forests, wetlands, waterways, and coastal and ocean resources to protect communities against sea level rise, tropical storms, droughts, and wildfires.
- Support climate-smart technologies and agricultural management to help farmers and ranchers.
- Invest in water efficiency, Tribal Water Settlements, and the safety of dams to address the western drought crisis.
- Build capacities for state and local governments, Tribes, special districts, and non-profits to implement natural resource restoration and resilience projects.

INVEST IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

- Increase investments to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and water infrastructure programs.
- Upgrade and modernize drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems through low-cost, flexible loans to states, Tribes, territories, and disadvantaged communities.
- Invest in rural small water systems to support clean water infrastructure across rural America.

EXPAND ACCESS TO AND ENSURE THE RESILIENCE OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Build resilient, affordable, high-quality broadband infrastructure for all, prioritizing service for rural and Tribal areas.

CREATE A CLEANER AND MORE RESILIENT ELECTRICITY SECTOR

- Create a more resilient and expanded electric grid by providing an Investment Tax credit for priority High-Voltage Direct Current transmission lines and leveraging existing rights-of-way along highways and railroads.
- Provide a 10-year extension of clean energy and energy storage tax credits with direct pay paired with high road labor standards.
- Use 100% clean energy to power federal facilities.
- Establish an Energy Efficiency and Clean Electricity Standard.
- Invest in orphaned oil and gas well reclamation and remediation.
- Invest to remediate former industrial and energy sites.
- Deploy climate solutions in environmental justice communities.
- Increase funding for hydrogen demonstration projects.
- Invest in carbon capture retrofits for the industrial sector.
- Create a Civilian Conservation Corps to put a new, diverse generation to work.

BUILD AND UPGRADE HOMES, BUSINESSES, AND CRITICAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR RESILIENCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

President Biden's plan will leverage existing block grants, formula programs, weatherization assistance, tax credits, and new initiatives to:

- Produce and retrofit more than a million affordable, resilient, and energy efficient housing units.
- Strengthen public housing and build and rehabilitate more than 500,000 home for low-moderate income buyers to support resilient and energy-efficient homes in underserved communities.
- Mobilize private investments in distributed energy resources; retrofits of homes, businesses, and public buildings; and advance clean transportation.
- Upgrade and build new schools that are resilient and energy-efficient and that enhance community preparedness as safe places to gather during emergencies.
- Invest in the modernization, sustainability, and resilience of federal buildings and Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics.

DRIVE INNOVATION, DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING, AND DEPLOYMENT OF CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Support technological innovation to drive deep decarbonization and U.S. competitiveness.
- Ensure diverse participation in RDD&D programs.
- Strengthen climate science.
- Use federal procurement policy to help achieve domestic manufacturing objectives.
- Promote regional energy innovation partnerships to help new technologies achieve commercial deployment.
- Prioritize communities in economic transition and environmental justice communities for federal spending and investment.
- Construct new or retool existing manufacturing facilities in the United States.
- Enable and accelerate financing for climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
- Invest in American agriculture for climate solutions.
- Enhance preparedness to and prevention of future pandemics.

INVEST IN AMERICA'S WORKFORCE AND SUPPORT WORKERS THROUGH ECONOMIC AND ENERGY TRANSITIONS.

- Prioritize communities experiencing economic transitions and environmental justice communities for federal spending and investment.
- Provide wraparound professional and personal support for workers impacted by economic and energy transitions.
- Provide high-quality clean energy training programs and promote effective partnerships between educational institutions, unions, and employers.
- Expand registered apprenticeship programs in the clean energy economy.
- Protect workers' rights to organize a union.
- Tie federal investments to strong labor standards.
- Strengthen the diversity of the clean energy workforce and ensure inclusivity in workforce training programs.

Finally, the American Jobs Plan takes the first steps to align the tax code with the goal of net-zero by 2050 by repealing unnecessary tax breaks for the oil and gas industry.