

Federal Funding Opportunities: What's Next?

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American Rescue Plan Act

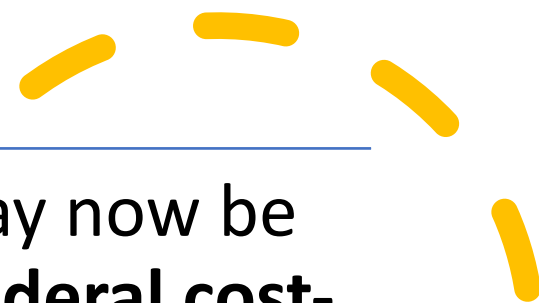
- Signed into law: March 2021
- \$8.7B to MA: \$3.4B to munis, \$5.3B to state
- Final Rule released: Jan 2022
- April 1, 2022: Final Rule takes effect
- 4 primary categories of eligible uses remain the same:
 - Responding to the public health crisis and its economic consequences;
 - Providing premium pay to essential workers;
 - Addressing local revenue loss, and;
 - Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Key Changes in the ARPA Final Rule

- Recipients are encouraged to: **design specific programs to address specifically impacted communities**
- **Expands lists of eligible projects** to include: affordable housing development, improvements to vacant/abandoned property, childcare and early ed investments, etc. and broadens water/sewer investment category to include **lead remediation**
- Allows the use of funds for “**reasonably proportional**” **capital expenditures** *as long as they relate* to the impact being addressed
- Broadened list of workers eligible for premium pay
- Allows recipients to take a **standard revenue loss allowance of up to \$10 million** and spend it as though it is general fund money. Note: you cannot use the money for deb service, pension fund deposits, replenishing a rainy day fund, or court settlement obligations.



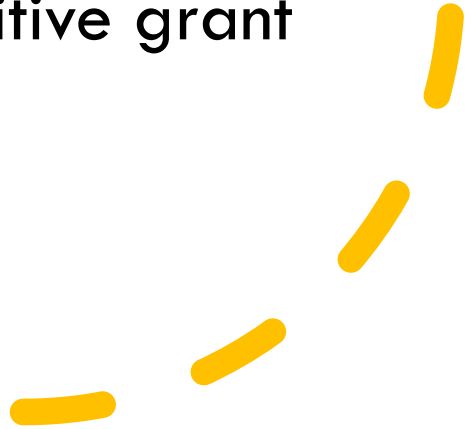
Non-Federal Match



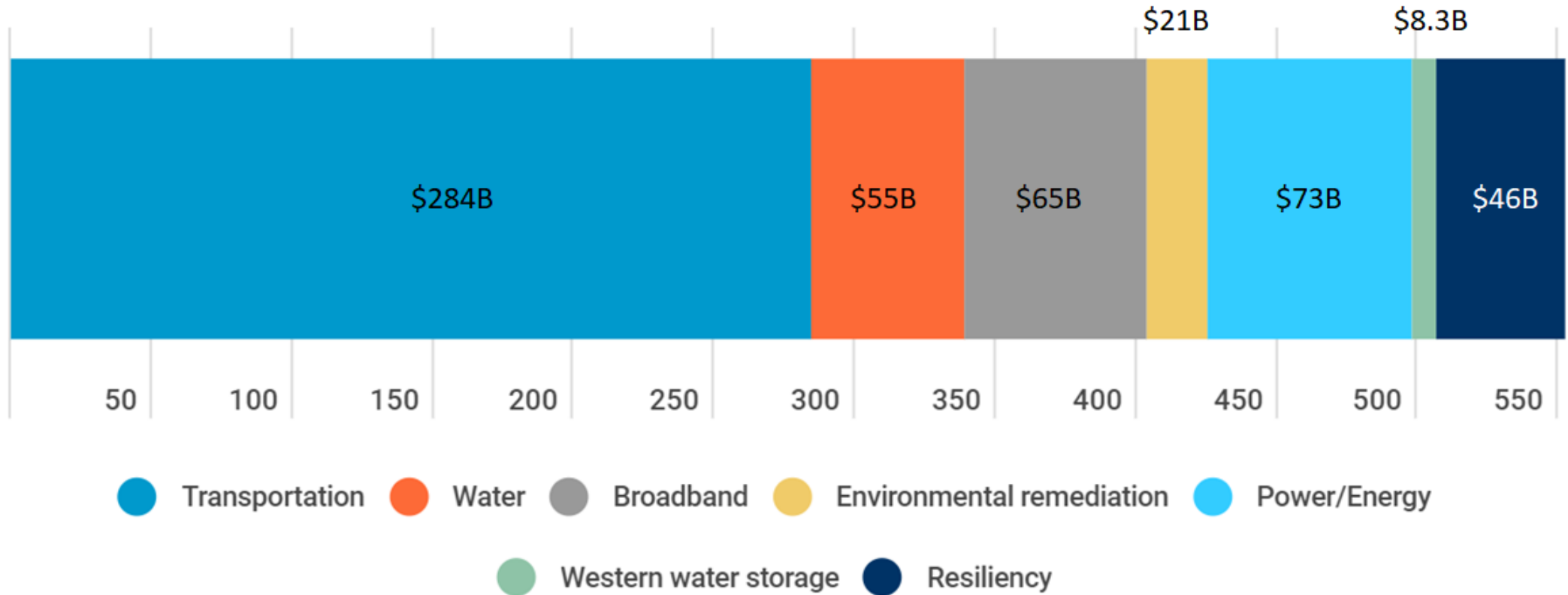
”Revenue loss” funds may now be used to **meet the non-federal cost-share or matching requirements** of other federal programs

Funds within other eligible use categories can not be used as the non-federal match, unless the statute specifically says otherwise.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Overview

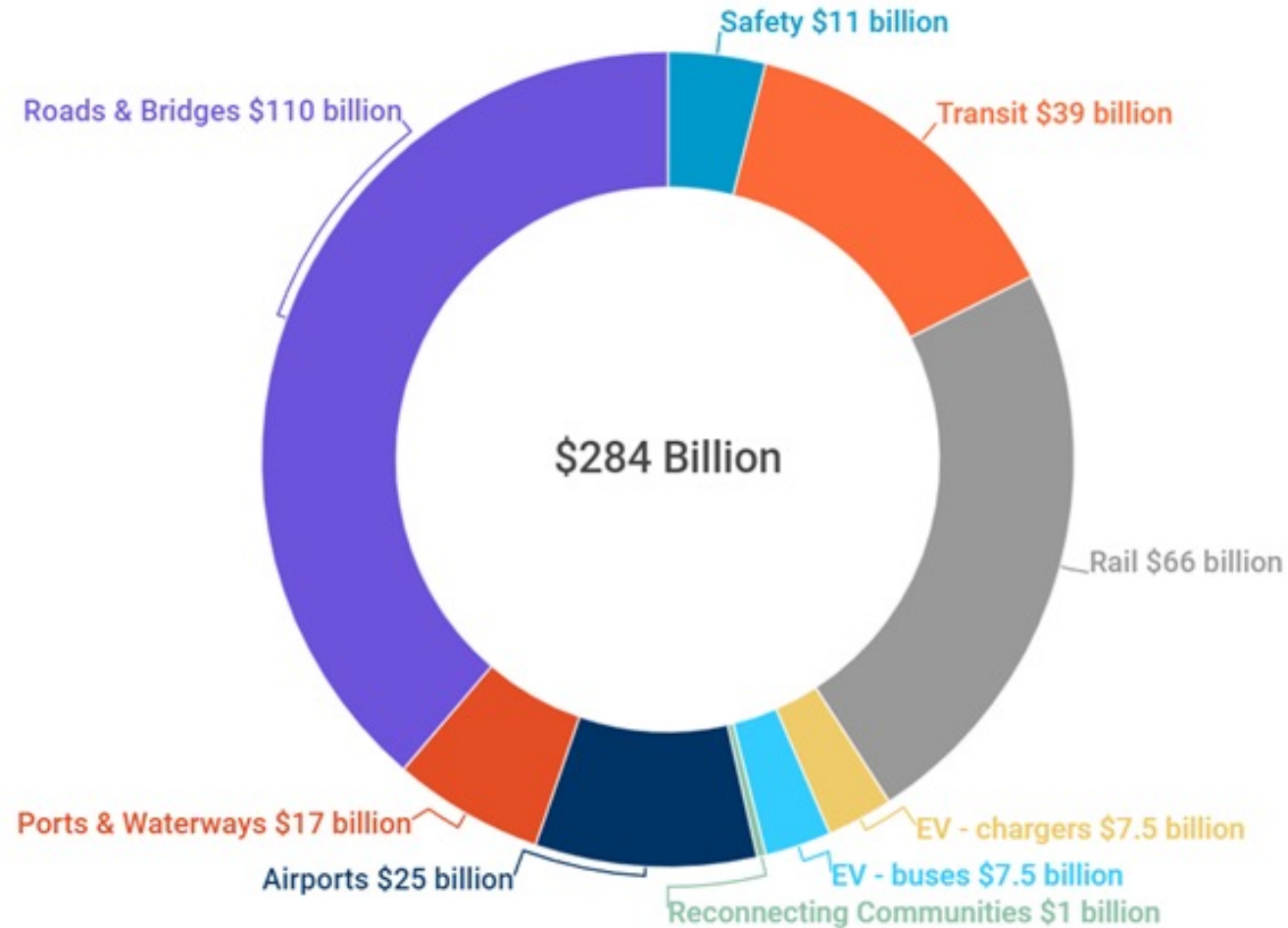
- \$1.2T five-year law
 - Includes: reauthorization of surface transportation and drinking/wastewater legislation, as well as new money for transportation, clean energy, broadband, climate resiliency, and more.
 - New funding = \$550B
 - Funding is generally available through new and existing formula and competitive grant programs
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\$550B New Investment Breakdown



Source: National Association of Counties

The \$284B in new transportation funding breakdown:



Opportunities for Massachusetts

- Estimated formula funds to Massachusetts over five years include:
 - \$5.3B in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges
 - \$2.8B to improve public transit options
 - \$1.1B for water infrastructure improvements
 - \$244M for airport infrastructure
 - \$107M for transportation resiliency improvements
 - \$94M to reduce transportation emissions
 - \$63M to expand EV charging infrastructure
- Additional allocations
 - \$100M to expand broadband access
 - \$15.7M for cyber attack protection
 - \$5.8M for wildfire protection
- This does not include opportunities available through new and existing competitive grant programs

Select New Grant Opportunities



Transportation:

Safe Streets for All: \$6B

Reconnecting Communities Pilot: \$1B

FTA All Station Accessibility: \$1.75B

Strengthening Mobility and
Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART):
\$500M



Climate Mitigation & Resiliency

Enhancing resiliency of the grid: \$5B

Modernizing electricity
infrastructure: \$3B

Charging and fueling infrastructure
discretionary grants: \$2.5B

Culvert removal, replacement, and
restoration: \$5B



Broadband and Cybersecurity

Middle mile broadband
infrastructure: \$1B

State and local cybersecurity: \$1.25B

Additional Resources

- Several federal agencies have created webpages specifically for IIJA updates
 - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>
 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>
 - <https://www.energy.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>
- MAPC is compiling IIJA summaries and resources on our website here:
<https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/iija/>
 - On this page is a survey for municipalities to share more about interests in accessing infrastructure funds and questions about IIJA

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Thank you!
