

Regional Issues Update

Federal Funding Opportunities

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Federal Legislative Agenda

- Adopted in Spring 2022
- This is our compass
- The primary lens we use to assess both funding opportunities as they arise, as well as develop strategies to get traction on important priorities



The City of Bellevue is planning and investing in the growth, economic vitality, human potential and sustainability of our city and region. Our federal agenda reflects the City Council's vision, values and priorities and we look forward to a continued, strong partnership with our federal partners.



Earmark Update

- Earmarks returned! More affectionately called ***Congressionally Directed Spending (Senate) or Community Project Funding (House)***
- The 2022 round happened this spring for FY 2023
- Bellevue worked with departments in submitting requests :
 - Police
 - Transportation
 - Community Development
 - Utilities
 - Parks
- ***Good news:*** Two of these requests are advancing!
- Feedback from Congressional delegation

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Signed by President Biden on **November 15, 2021**

- Once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure
- Administration priorities:
 - Equity
 - Climate and resiliency
 - Reaching all communities
 - Partnerships

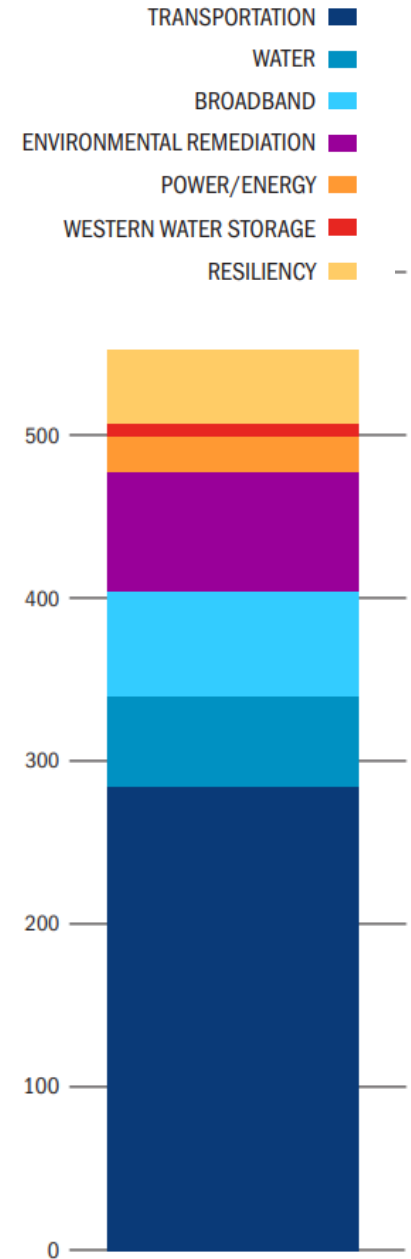


BIL funding

\$1.2 trillion total

➔ **\$650B:** Reauthorizes *existing* surface transportation programs for FY 2022-2026

➔ **\$550B:** Creates *new* formula, competitive and discretionary grant programs ➔



Not just about transportation...



Upgrade Power
Infrastructure



No More
Lead Pipes



High-Speed
Internet Access



Investment in
Environmental
Remediation



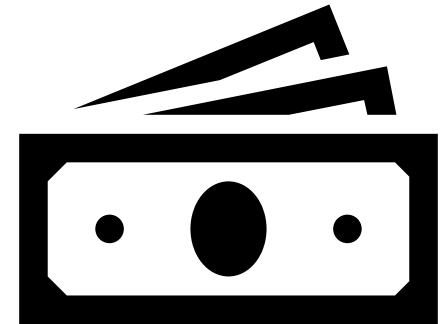
Resilient
Infrastructure



How can cities receive BIL funds?

Two primary methods :

- 1) **Formula distribution:** Funds distributed to Washington State, Puget Sound Regional Council or other authority (ex. transit)
- 2) **Competitive programs:** Apply for federal funds directly on our own or with eligible partners as a team



Steps for Bellevue



Develop a project pipeline



Establish the BIL Interdepartmental Team



Build and grow Bellevue's relationships



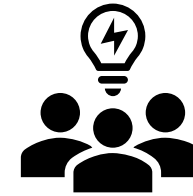
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- 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda
- Bellevue's Citywide plans
- Bellevue's Department plan
- Partner agency plans



Establish BIL Team



1. Prioritize infrastructure needs
2. Identify funding programs to target
3. Ensure consistency with regional plans
4. Create resource library

- City Attorney's Office
- City Manager's Office, including Diversity Advantage
- Community Development
- Finance & Asset Management
- Information Technology
- Parks & Community Service
- Transportation
- Utilities

Build relationships



- Elected leadership
- Federal agency regional offices
- Stakeholders, including community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, businesses, community leaders
- Resource organizations, such as National League of Cities



Next steps

- Using our new BIL Team to assess grant programs
- Developing a project pipeline
- Working to build support with partners
- Sharing our federal legislative agenda with delegation
- Highlighting key projects during August recess
- Planning a DC trip in the fall
- Continuing to tap into our federal consultants for strategic advice and counsel



Questions?

Thank you!

