

# The Clean Energy Plan Benefits North Carolina

Funding from President Biden's clean energy plan is helping North Carolina minimize the impacts of climate change and prepare for a clean energy future. As of June 2024, North Carolina has <u>received</u> over \$9.9 billion in funding from the clean energy plan – that's money going to communities all across the state to promote climate resiliency, reduce pollution, and advance climate-smart agriculture.

#### **CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENTS:**

• The clean energy plan is projected to bring over <u>\$2.7 billion</u> of new investment in clean energy generation and storage to North Carolina by 2030. New clean energy projects since the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act have already spurred <u>\$19.1 billion</u> in investment and helped create 12,090 new clean energy jobs in the Tarheel State.

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY:**

- North Carolina <u>received</u> over \$209 million for consumer home energy rebate programs, which will <u>help</u> low-income households save an average of 52% on their home energy bills.
- Thanks to tax credits <u>covering</u> 30% of the costs of installing solar panels, battery storage systems, and other home upgrades, an estimated 170,000 North Carolina households are set to install rooftop solar panels reducing energy costs and pollution.
- The DOE's Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program <u>awarded</u> the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal government in North Carolina \$751,431 for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades.

#### **CLEANER AIR:**

- North Carolina <u>received</u> \$3 million, the Charlotte- Concord- Gastonia and Raleigh-Cary Metro Area each <u>received</u> an additional \$1 million, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal government also <u>received</u> funding from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.
- 10 projects across North Carolina <u>received</u> over \$52 million from the DOT's Low-and No-Emission Vehicle Program.
- 19 North Carolina school districts <u>received</u> over \$31 million from the EPA's Clean School Bus Rebate Program to purchase low- and zero-emission school buses. In addition, 15 North Carolina school districts <u>received</u> over \$57.3 million in funding through the first Clean School Bus Program Grants Competition.

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLES:**

• As part of the DOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, North Carolina will <u>receive</u> \$109 million over five years to deploy EV charging infrastructure.

## SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE:

- The DOT <u>awarded</u> over \$12.7 million to two projects in Haywood and Guilford counties through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant.
- 15 projects in North Carolina <u>received</u> over \$167 million from the DOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.
- The DOT <u>awarded</u> \$100 million to a project across Cleveland and Gaston Counties through the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program (INFRA).

## **RESILIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND EQUITY:**

- Six projects across four counties in North Carolina <u>received</u> a total of \$9.1 million from the USDA's Urban and Community Forestry Program to increase equitable access to trees and green spaces.
- The EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Program <u>selected</u> two North Carolina projects in Huntersville, Pottstown, and North Charleston to receive a total of \$1 million.
- The EPA's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program <u>selected</u> one project in Sampson County to receive \$1 million.
- The EPA <u>selected</u> six superfund sites in North Carolina, including ABC One Hour Cleaners and Hemphill Road TCE, to receive over \$21 million in cleanup funding.

### **CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE:**

- The USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) <u>awarded</u> over \$5 million to eight North Carolina farmers, ranchers, and businesses to invest in renewable energy, upgrade to energy-efficient equipment, and cut their energy costs.
- Three North Carolina projects were <u>selected</u> to receive funding from the USDA's Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program.