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**SUBJECT:** ADDENDUM TO THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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On September 19, Chairman Smith sent us an email asking if there is an updated list of state and federal funding opportunities available for resiliency as a result of new laws passed over the last year. Since Connie Wilson is handling state matters for TISPC, we will focus our discussion on federal funding.

As you know, President Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (P.L. 117-58, or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)) into law on November 15, 2021. Over 350 federal programs were provided funding by the law. In January 2022, the White House released a 459-page [guidebook](#) on all the programs—both new and existing—that were provided funding. The guidebook is a key resource. Because of its overwhelming size and amount of content, some organizations have created tools to help stakeholders search for BIL programs of interest to them. One of the best tools is the “Funding Opportunities” database created by the [Local Infrastructure Hub](#). The Local Infrastructure Hub is a partnership among the National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, the African American Mayors Association, and Results for America, as well as Bloomberg Philanthropies and other foundations, including the Emerson Collective, Ford Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation. The initiative aims to be a first-of-its-kind support center to help local leaders understand and secure federal infrastructure funding passed by the BIL. The [Funding Opportunities database](#) is a search engine that allows stakeholders to search BIL funding opportunities by keyword and filter those opportunities by federal agency, category, and eligible applicants.

We understand that TISPC members are interested in resiliency funding opportunities. Resiliency, in the context of BIL funding opportunities, can apply to many different activities, from building roads and other infrastructure to environmental restoration projects. When using the keyword “resiliency” in the Funding Opportunities database, and filtering the results to only include local government eligible applicants, 104 BIL funding opportunities are identified. There is a large volume of BIL funding opportunities, including opportunities that focus on resiliency, making it difficult to provide that information in a concise document. We encourage the Towns and interested parties to use the Local Infrastructure Hub’s Funding Opportunities database to determine BIL funding opportunities which focus on resiliency that may be of interest to them.