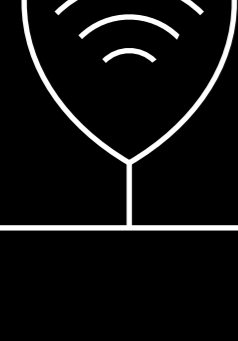


Securing the future: How the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act can help reinforce cyber resilience

In our rapidly evolving digital world, the importance of strong cybersecurity cannot be overstated. By allocating billions of dollars for support in key areas, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), can help improve America's critical infrastructure and cybersecurity vulnerabilities across several sectors.



IIJA has earmarked \$2 billion for cybersecurity,¹ which includes:



\$1 billion

for state, local, tribal and territorial grants.¹



\$350 million

for enhanced grid security.¹



\$250 million

for rural and municipal cybersecurity assistance¹

The path to a more secure digital world

Here are a few ways that IIJA's funding can enhance your cybersecurity:



Strategic cyber governance and planning:

Create clear cybersecurity policies and incident response plans, ensuring a coordinated approach to digital security.



Assessing and evaluating systems and capabilities:

Enable comprehensive audits of systems, hardware and software to identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses.



Mitigating prioritized issues:

Address critical cybersecurity issues by allocating resources to tackle vulnerabilities and threats with the highest risk.



Building a cybersecurity workforce:

Support the development of a skilled cybersecurity workforce through training and education programs.



Staying ahead of risk management in the digital age

Government agencies are confronted by a constantly advancing cybersecurity landscape, with threats such as ransomware, malware and phishing growing in frequency and sophistication.

69%

of state and local governments were hit by ransomware attacks in 2023, up from 58% in 2022.²

51%

of organizations are planning to increase security investments as a result of a breach.³

The IIJA is a critical resource to help you address these challenges.

Find out how Verizon's cybersecurity solutions can help future-proof your organization.

Enhance your cybersecurity posture against data breaches.

Verizon's [Zero Trust Dynamic Access and Secure Access Service Edge \(SASE\) Management](#) can play a pivotal role in bolstering cybersecurity defenses for users, apps and data on devices while maintaining day-to-day operations.

\$1.82 million

is the estimated average cost to recover from a ransomware attack.⁴

Leverage Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to protect your linked devices and remote workers.

Verizon DDoS Shield and Mobile Device Management solutions offer protections to help address the risks associated with IoT technologies and remote work environments.

62%

of companies experienced a security breach that could be at least partially attributed to an employee working remotely.⁵

Strengthen telecommunications and industrial controls against hacking.

Verizon's endpoint security and professional services encompass managed detection and response, network detection and response, and cybersecurity incident response.

83%

of breaches noted in Verizon's 2023 Data Breach Investigations Report were caused by external actors, such as criminal groups and lone hackers.⁶

Talk to an expert to start enhancing your cybersecurity defenses today.

Call 1.855.408.2751 or visit [verizon.com/iija](https://www.verizon.com/iija)



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