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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced that 39 states are sharing a total of \$875,000 in 50-50 matching grants to stimulate gas pipeline safety programs.

The shares or allocations, ranging from \$34,104 for each of 11 states down to \$6,323 for one state, will promote programs to meet requirements under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act.

"President Nixon has challenged us to upgrade safety in every form of transportation," Secretary Brinegar said. "These allocations provide the means to continue improving safety in pipeline transportation, a mode whose importance is sometimes minimized.

Through use of this money, substantial improvements are expected to be achieved through use of more and better trained personnel, increased inspection of gas facilities and utilization of better equipment, according to the Secretary.

Allocations in alphabetical order are:

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Alaska	\$ 12,440
Arizona	9,250
Arkansas	25,346
California	34,104
Colorado	16,441
Connecticut	20,951
Delaware	7,475
Georgia	26,273
Hawaii	12,500
Idaho	13,407
Illinois	34,104
Indiana	31,292
Iowa	34,104
Kansas	34,104
Kentucky	34,104
Maine	19,916
Maryland	8,712
Michigan	34,104
Minnesota	29,325
Montana	18,150
Nebraska	25,279
Nevada	11,834
New Hampshire	13,769
New York	34,104
North Carolina	32,115
North Dakota	7,887
Ohio	34,104
Oregon	18,006
Pennsylvania	34,104
Rhode Island	15,573
South Dakota	9,000
Tennessee	34,104
Utah	10,400
Vermont	6,323
Washington	15,000
West Virginia	34,104
Wisconsin	28,602
Wyoming	28,940
Puerto Rico	25,650
TOTAL	<u>\$875,000</u>

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