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The Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) and DLGSC acknowledges Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, waters, and communities in which we operate.

The Commission and DLGSC is committed to developing strong working relationships with Aboriginal people, is proud to celebrate the cultural diversity, strength and resilience of Aboriginal people, and is deeply grateful for the contributions they make to the State of Western Australia.

We pay our respects to all Aboriginal people and their cultures, and to Elders past and present.

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## Acting Chair's report

I am pleased to present the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission).

The Commission is a statutory body established under the *Local Government Grants Act 1978*. Its principal function is to make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on the allocation of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Western Australia's 137 local governments.

Over the past 12 months, the Commission held public hearings with 18 local governments regarding grant methodology. These helped the Commission to better understand the needs and challenges facing local governments.

Hearings at the shires of Derby West-Kimberley, Halls Creek and Wyndham East-Kimberley were particularly helpful for the Commission to understand the circumstances confronting those local governments.

I would like to thank all 18 local governments for their willingness to engage in these hearings. I would especially like to thank the Shire of Ashburton for providing the Commission fuel when, due to maintenance issues, there were no functioning refuelling facilities available in town and the Commission had a tight timeline of hearings to conduct!

The National Grants Commission Conference for chairs and executive officers was held in November 2023 and was hosted by the Tasmanian Grants Commission. This bi-annual conference always provides a great opportunity for all participants to discuss best practice examples and major projects that each state may be working on.

During this year, the Commission faced some challenges including ameliorating issues caused by the 100 per cent advance payment (over and under payments) of the 2023-24 FA Grants. While the Commission intended to redistribute all of the over and under payments this year, unfortunately this was not possible due to the operation of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth). It is hoped the redistribution of these funds will be completed by the 2025-26 FA Grants. We will continue to communicate with affected local governments throughout this process.

I would like to thank all Commission members for their dedication over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank Cr Dan Bull for his expert guidance as Chair of the Commission from June 2023 until March 2024. Cr Bull's knowledge, experience and contribution was highly valued, and we appreciate his commitment to the Commission during his term.

With the end of this reporting period, I note that some appointments were made to the Commission. I wish to congratulate Ms Melinda Prinsloo who has been re-appointed for a further three-year term. I also wish to congratulate Cr Christopher Mitchell who has been re-appointed as Ms Prinsloo's deputy.

Some of the current appointment process is still ongoing and I would like to take this opportunity to personally recognise and thank Mr Colin Cameron who has served on the Commission for the past three years. Mr Cameron is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Subiaco and a former senior local government financial officer. He provides a unique and invaluable perspective of the issues

confronting local governments from an operational viewpoint and the effect of the decisions made by the Commission. Mr Cameron's experience, dedication, and professionalism are commendable.

I would also like to recognise Cr David Goode who as Mr Cameron's deputy only had a limited opportunity to work with but appreciate his willingness to attend commission meetings and visiting programs when called upon.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our executive staff, without their support the Commission would not be able to operate. To Taryn Cox, Haa Truong, Nicholas Harmer, Dr Chris Berry, Leah Horton and Julie Craig and all the others who have assisted during the past year, we appreciate the professionalism you continue to demonstrate, to always ensure that the Commission continues its important work within the sector.

If you have any questions regarding the Commission, I encourage you to contact the staff at any time.



**Luke Stevens**

Acting Chair

Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission

07 November 2024



## Membership of the Commission

For the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 the members of the Commission were:

### Members

Name	Position	Term
Cr Daniel Bull	Chairperson	19 June 2023 to 26 March 2024
Mr Luke Stevens	Deputy Chair	5 May 2020 to 31 August 2024
Mr Colin Cameron	Metropolitan Member	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024
Dr Wendy Giles	Country Urban Member	19 June 2023 to 31 August 2026
Ms Melinda Prinsloo	Country Rural Member	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024

### Deputy members

Name	Position	Term
Vacant	Deputy to the Deputy Chair	
Cr David Goode	Deputy Metropolitan Member	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024
Ms Virginia Miltrup	Deputy Country Urban Member	19 June 2023 to 31 August 2026
Cr Christopher Mitchell	Deputy Country Rural Member	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024

### Commission officers

The DLGSC provides administrative, secretarial and research support to the Commission. During 2023-24, officers of the Executive Support Branch who assisted the Commission were:

- Mrs Taryn Cox – Acting Manager, Board Governance and Reporting
- Ms Haa Truong – Acting Senior Strategy and Research Officer
- Mr Nicholas Harmer – Strategy and Research Officer
- Dr Chris Berry – Roads Consultant.

### Former Commission officers

- Mrs Leah Horton – former Manager, Board Governance and Reporting
- Ms Kathryn Christidis – former Senior Strategy and Research Officer.

# Member profiles (as at 31 August 2024)



## Cr Daniel Bull – Chairperson (until 26 March 2024)

Dan is currently a councillor at the City of Bayswater – a role he has held since 2015. He was also the City’s Mayor from 2017 to 2021. Dan is a member of a number of internal and external committees, including the Aged Care Governance Committee, the Policy Review and Development Committee and the Joint Development Assessment Panel. Dan was the Local Government Advisory Board Chair until his resignation in March 2024, having been appointed in October 2021. Dan graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Laws.



## Mr Luke Stevens – Deputy Chairperson

Luke was employed by DLGSC in 2017 and was appointed to the Commission in 2019. Luke is currently a Senior Lawyer within DLGSC Legal Services and was formerly a member of the Royal Australian Air Force and an employee of WA Police.



## Mr Colin Cameron – Metropolitan Member

Colin is the Chief Executive Officer at the City of Subiaco. He has more than 20 years’ experience as an executive in local government. In 2020, Colin was awarded the WA Local Government Professionals Meritorious Award in recognition of his contribution to the WA local government industry.



## Dr Wendy Giles – Country Urban Member

Wendy comes from an academic background, with a Master of Educational Management and a Doctor of Science Education. Her extensive background in education has resulted in a wide variety of experiences in diverse contexts ranging from primary school to university, from cities to remote communities and from a teacher to an academic leader. Wendy was a Councillor at the City of Bunbury from 2013 to 2017 and re-elected in 2019 for a second term to 2023.





### **Ms Melinda Prinsloo – Country Rural Member**

Melinda has worked for over 16 years in state government in South Africa and Western Australia and holds an M.B.A Degree and a Diploma in Information Technology. Melinda has extensive experience in finance, working for the Department of Finance and as the Executive Manager of Corporate Services at the Shire of Chittering. She has recently been appointed as the Shire’s new Chief Executive Officer.

## **Deputy member profiles**

### **Vacant – Deputy to the Deputy Chairperson**

#### **Cr David Goode JP – Deputy Metropolitan Member**

David is a Councillor at the City of Gosnells, where he also previously served as Mayor from 2019 to 2021. After a career as a bank manager, he started his own finance brokering business. David has degrees in Accounting, Management, and a Diploma in Financial Services.

#### **Ms Virginia Miltrup – Deputy Country Urban Member**

Virginia is the Chief Executive Officer at the City of Karratha. Virginia is an experienced Executive and Company Director with expertise in supporting business to adapt to change. She has a passion for bringing customer-centric thinking to the improvement of business performance.

#### **Cr Christopher Mitchell JP – Deputy Country Rural Member**

Chris has been President of the Shire of Broome since October 2023 and has been on council since 1992. He was named Broome senior citizen of the year in 2022 for his dedication to local government and volunteer work.

## **Membership changes for 2023-24**

The terms of the Deputy Chairperson, Metropolitan and Deputy Metropolitan Member, Country Rural and Deputy Country Rural Member conclude on 31 August 2024.

The role of Commission Chairperson became vacant on 26 March 2024.

The role of Deputy to the Deputy Chairperson is also vacant.

# The Grants Commission

## Grants Determination Process

The Commission maintains its administrative processes to provide for timely notification of grants to local governments. The Commission approved (out-of-session) the Final Grant Schedule of FA Grants 2024-25 on 5 August 2024. The Western Australian Minister for Local Government approved the Commission's final allocation of FA Grants on 12 August 2024, with the Commonwealth Minister for Local Government approving the final grant allocations on 13 August 2024.

The Schedule of Payments contains all the information relating to each local government's FA Grants, including general purpose grants, road grants and special project grants where applicable. The Balanced Budget details the calculation of each local governments general purpose grant. Both documents are available on the DLGSC's website at <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/financial-assistance-grants>.

## Public and Special Hearings

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth), the Commission undertakes public hearings with local governments. The hearings consist of a formal presentation about the operations of the Commission. At the hearings, local governments are given the opportunity to present submissions to the Commission on their individual grant determination and any issues relevant to the grant determination process.

The hearings facilitate discussion between local government councillors and staff, members of the public, and the Commission. Due to the large number of local governments in Western Australia, the Commission aims to hold public hearings with each one at least once every four years. Through these hearings, the Commission can gain a greater understanding of the issues affecting local governments and their capacity to provide services and facilities to their communities.

The Commission tries to ensure that all local governments and other interested parties have the opportunity to understand the grant determination process and to present their views or suggestions on any aspect of the process.

In 2023-24, the Commission held 18 public hearings.



*Image credit: Clay Merriman, Shire of Derby-West Kimberley.  
L-R: Roads Consultant Dr Chris Berry, Country-Urban Member Dr Wendy Giles, Acting Manager Board Governance and Reporting Taryn Cox, Deputy Country-Rural Member Chris Mitchell, Acting Chairman Luke Stevens.*

**Table 3: Public hearings in 2023-24**

Region	Local governments
Pilbara	Ashburton, East Pilbara, Exmouth, Karratha and Port Hedland.
Eastern Goldfields South and Upper Great Southern	Dumbleyung, Esperance, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Ravensthorpe, Wagin, West Arthur and Woodanilling.
Kimberley	Broome, Derby West-Kimberley, Halls Creek and Wyndham East-Kimberley.

In addition to the public hearings, local governments can request a special hearing with the Commission at any time. This provides any local government with an opportunity to present a submission on the grant determination process to address issues of an urgent nature.

### Issues raised at public hearings

As part of the hearings, the Commission provides an opportunity for local governments to raise methodology related issues as well as more general concerns that go beyond the scope of the Commission, to offer guidance and to raise awareness of issues affecting other local governments.

Over the past 12 months, local governments raised the following general issues and matters of interest with the Commission:

- housing availability and costs
- staff attraction and retention
- safety/security of staff and maintenance
- road conditions and maintenance
- tourist impacts on local infrastructure
- climate/heavy rainfall
- fuel/freight costs
- fire mitigation costs.

### Local government submissions

Each year, local governments are given the opportunity to highlight disadvantages they face in the provision of local government services through submissions to the Commission.

In 2023-24, the Commission received three formal submissions, from the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley, Shire of Gingin, and City of Bunbury.

Any decision made on the submissions will be implemented and reflected in future grant determinations.

The Commission welcomes feedback from local governments at any time either through a formal submission or comments on the methodology to [grants.commission@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants.commission@dlgsc.wa.gov.au).



*Image: Woodanilling Baptist Church, Shire of Woodanilling.*

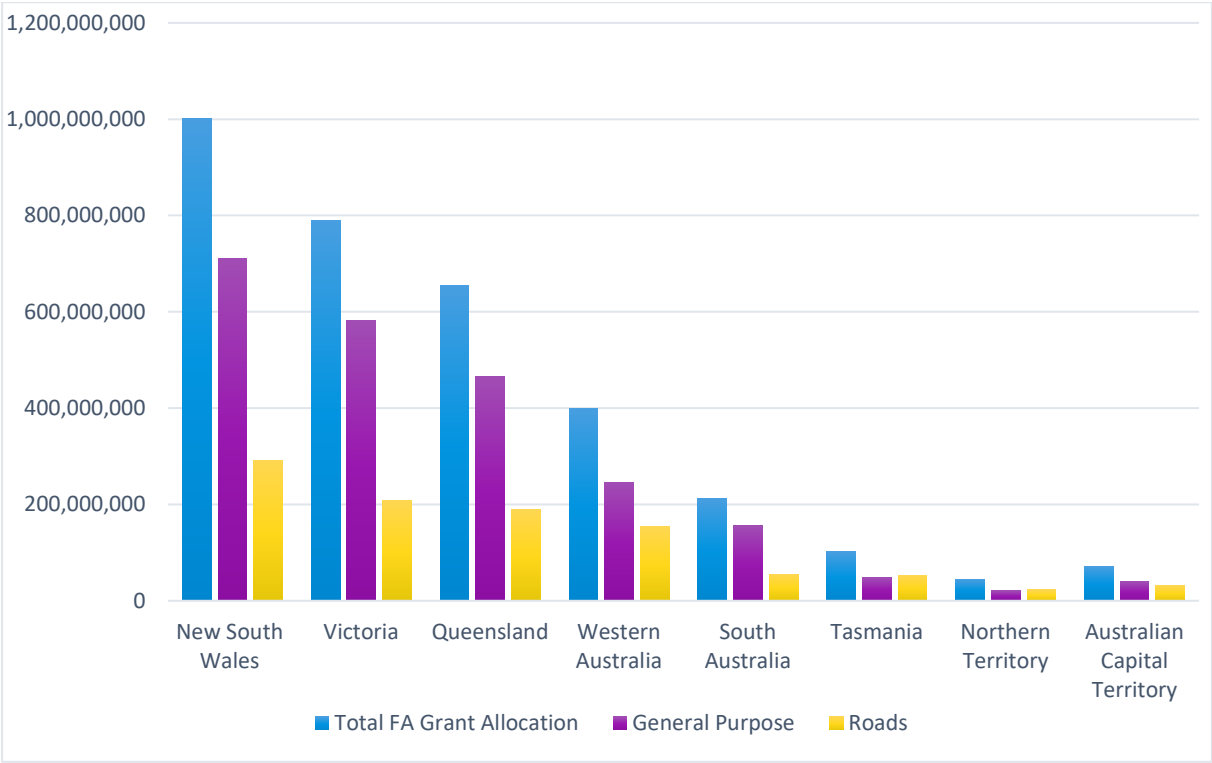
# Financial Assistance Grants

## 2024-25 Grant allocations

The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth) provides for an annual adjustment to the national funding pool for the general purpose component of the Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) which is calculated by indexing the previous year’s funding pool by Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population growth. The annual increase to the national funding pool for local road grants is calculated by indexing the previous year’s funding pool by CPI. The legislation also provides for the Commonwealth Treasurer to vary this adjustment if there are considered to be special circumstances.

The Western Australian share of Commonwealth funding for 2024-25 is \$400,140,692 being 12.21 per cent of the national allocation of \$3,277,189,002. Western Australia’s share consists of \$246,131,716 for the general purpose funding and \$154,008,976 for the local roads funding and special projects compared to \$377,625,444 (pre-adjustment) of the total funding for 2023-24 FA Grant.

**Figure 1. National distribution of Financial Assistance Grants 2024-25**



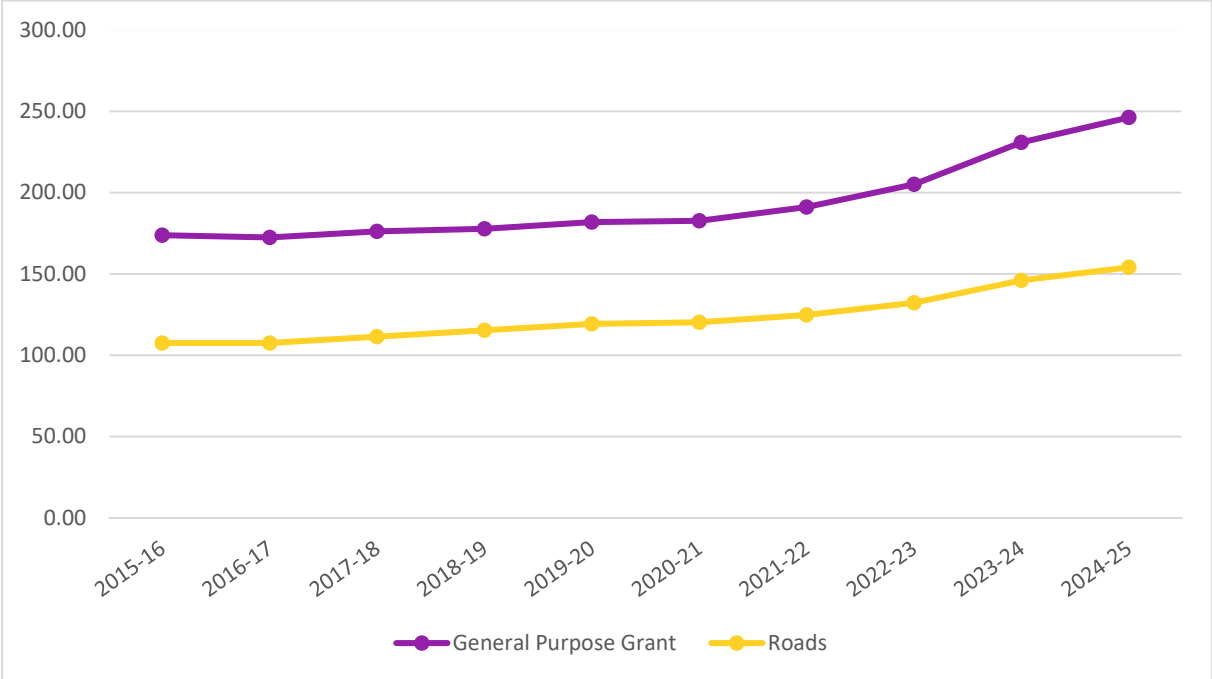
**Table 1: 2024-25 general purpose and road funding by state**

State	General purpose %	Local roads %
New South Wales	31.29	29.01
Victoria	25.62	20.62
Queensland	20.51	18.74
Western Australia	10.84	15.29
South Australia	6.92	5.50
Tasmania	2.13	5.30
Northern Territory	0.94	2.34
Australian Capital Territory	1.75	3.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100*</b>

\*Please note that due to rounding, the total figure does not exactly equal 100 per cent.

The final amount of FA Grants to be distributed for 2024-25 is \$5,890,403 million higher at \$399,565,984 to reflect a negative adjustment of \$574,708 to the 2023-24 state allocation. This is a result of the Commonwealth rectifying an underpayment of grants made to Western Australia in 2023-24 due to adjustments to the estimated state population and inflation used in the previous year’s grant calculation. This year’s allocation for Western Australia consists of an increase of \$14,769,192 for general purpose grants and \$7,746,056 for local roads and special projects.

**Figure 2. Commonwealth funding allocated to Western Australia 2015-16 to 2024-25**



The Commission calculates the “equalisation need” for general purpose grant funding for all local governments, based on calculations of the revenue-collecting capacity of each local government, and magnitude of expenditure each local government would be required to incur to deliver a consistent general standard of services across the state.

The total general purpose grant funding received by the state is commonly less than the total equalisation need calculated by the Commission. For 2024-25, the total statewide general purpose grant funding was approximately 68.8 per cent of the calculated statewide equalisation need.

In 2024-25, the general purpose grant funding received by the State allowed for 68.8 per cent of calculated grant need to be paid to local governments. Local governments that were assessed to be a minimum grant local government had their grant calculated on a per capita basis in accordance with the minimum grant principle under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth). Further detail on these calculations is provided later.

## **Advance payment of 2024-25**

The Commonwealth Government advised in June 2024 that it would make an advance payment of the 2024-25 FA Grants in the 2023-24 financial year. The advance payments were calculated by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts and distributed to local governments on 28 June 2024.

This year, the advance payment was lower than the previous advance payment of 100 per cent of WA's estimated 2024-25 FA Grant entitlement, with the State Government receiving 85 per cent of the estimated FA Grant allocation upfront. The advance consisted of a total of \$339,416,207 with \$208,757,650 in general purpose grants and \$130,658,557 in local road grants. This resulted in much smaller quarterly payments due to the remainder of the 2024-25 grants entitlements totalling \$60,616,774 for the state.

The allocation to local governments from the Commonwealth for the advance payments is based on grant recommendations from the prior year (2023-24) with indexation in line with the growth to the grant allocation to Western Australia. However, as detailed in this annual report, the Commission's methodology allocates funding not purely based on indexation of the grant pool but based on a variety of factors to ensure equitable distribution in accordance with the legislation that is appropriate for the state.

While the Commission intended to redistribute all of the over and under payments caused by the 100 per cent advance payment (over and under payments) of the 2023-24 FA Grants, unfortunately this was not possible due to the operation of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth). It is hoped the redistribution of these funds will be completed by the 2025-26 FA Grants.

Unfortunately, this redistribution process has caused unintended confusion within the local government sector, with some local governments understandably contacting the Commission to seek clarification on the grant funding paid.

The amount of the adjustment of grant payments for each local government is outlined in the eighth column in the Schedule of general purpose grants tables on pages [29] to [34] of this report.

Table 2 below outlines the remaining amount of under and over payments that needs to be redistributed in the 2025-26 FA Grant.



**Table 2: net over (under) payments remaining to be redistributed (numbers in red will be deducted from future FA grants)**

Local government	Net over and under payments (\$)
Ashburton	300,537
Bassendean	4,323
Bayswater	26,546
Belmont	15,308
Boddington	25,616
Bridgetown Greenbushes	154,864
Broome	230,381
Bunbury	96,462
Busselton	306,619
Cambridge	26,503
Canning	53,472
Chapman Valley	64,505
Claremont	6,155
Cockburn	94,683
Cottesloe	18,754
Dardanup	134,564
Denmark	430,506
East Fremantle	8,765
Fremantle	50,537
Gosnells	25,713
Joondalup	99,064
Kalamunda	47,891
Kwinana	3,185
Leonora	33,042
Mandurah	49,336
Melville	80,615
Mosman Park	4,206
Nedlands	39,616
Peppermint Grove	10,488
Perth	177,587
Port Hedland	477,772
Rockingham	163,132
South Perth	38,214
Stirling	352,556
Subiaco	5,376
Swan	28,557
Victoria Park	13,386
Vincent	26,647
Wanneroo	273,649

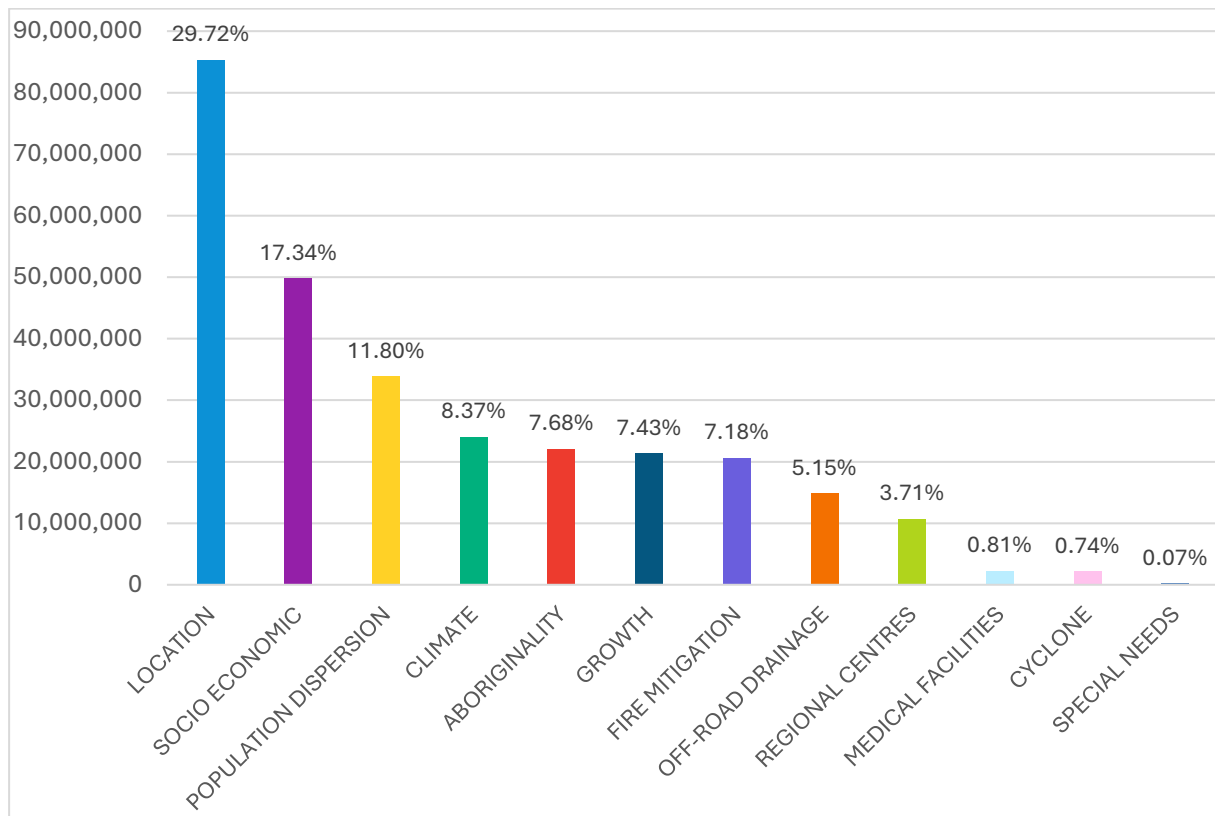
## Methodology

Each year the Commission implements updated data as provided by local governments as well as undertaking reviews of the revenue standards, expenditure standards and cost adjustors.

These reviews are informed by research and through discussions held on the visiting programs. A copy of the calculations and methodology used can be found on the Commission's website at <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/financial-assistance-grants>.

In 2024-25, the Commission determined the following cost adjustors to be of the greatest importance to local government.

**Figure 3. Cost adjustor allocation for Financial Assistance Grants 2024-25**



**Summary of the 12 cost adjustors applied to general purpose grants, excluding the Indian Ocean Territories:**

Cost adjustor	No. of LGs receiving allowance	Largest cost adjustor recipient	Largest cost adjustor assessment (\$)	Total cost adjustor (\$)	Average cost adjustor (\$)
Location	106	Greater Geraldton	2,621,917	85,308,851	804,800
Socio-economic disadvantage	82	Swan*	2,269,728	49,763,497	606,871
Growth	52	Wanneroo*	3,697,936	21,327,212	410,138
Population dispersion	52	Northam	5,319,036	33,867,000	651,288
Climate	87	Greater Geraldton	1,752,086	24,030,897	276,217
Aboriginality	96	Derby-West Kimberley	1,308,953	22,038,120	229,563
Regional centres	18	Perth*	1,458,923	10,663,607	592,422
Fire mitigation	92	Swan*	2,968,543	20,603,431	223,950
Off-road drainage	127	Joondalup*	2,550,016	14,794,732	116,494
Medical facilities	54	Various	100,000	2,189,431	40,545
Cyclone	11	Karratha	307,708	2,132,721	193,883
Special needs	2	Murchison	120,000	200,000	100,000

\* Minimum grant local government

# Minimum grants

In 2024-25, 32 local governments (of the 137 total in Western Australia) received the minimum grant entitlement which equated to \$25.63 per capita. This was an increase from 2023-24 when local governments received \$24.90 per capita.

Collectively, the local governments receiving the minimum grant accounted for \$56.5 million (23 per cent) of the total general purpose funding pool while comprising 76.5 per cent of the State’s population.

## 2024-25 Minimum Grant Local Governments

- Bassendean
- Bayswater
- Belmont
- Boddington
- Bunbury
- Busselton
- Cambridge
- Canning
- Claremont
- Cockburn
- Cottesloe
- East Fremantle
- Fremantle
- Gosnells
- Joondalup
- Kalamunda
- Kwinana
- Mandurah
- Melville
- Mosman Park
- Nedlands
- Peppermint Grove
- Perth
- Port Hedland
- Rockingham
- South Perth
- Stirling
- Subiaco
- Swan
- Victoria Park
- Vincent
- Wanneroo

## Refinements and review of the methodology for 2024-25

The Commission calculates the allocation of the general purpose grants each year in accordance with the Commonwealth National Principles.

For 2024-25, 86.5 per cent of expenditure calculations were distributed using a per capita or per property allocation with the remaining 13.5 per cent allocated by the cost adjustors, to recognise costs which are out of a local governments control.



*Image: Boab Prison Tree, Shire of Derby West Kimberley.*

While the Commission's methodology review is still underway, no major refinements were implemented for the 2024-25 grant determinations. However, there were some minor changes that are noted below.

### Revenue standards

Revenue standards are a mathematical formula used to assess the revenue earning capacity of each local government.

The Commission calculates the following revenue standards:

- residential/commercial/industrial rates
- agricultural rates
- pastoral rates
- mining rates
- investment income.

Most revenue standards use regression analysis as the basis to inform the decision. Regression analysis is a tool for analysing relationships between variables.

#### Residential commercial industrial

The Commission approved the recommendation to use the residential commercial industrial new regression formula of 37.56 per cent on number of properties and 62.44 per cent on valuations.

The final formula is  $\$726.75 \times \text{number of properties} + 0.047 \times \text{valuations}$ .

#### Pastoral rates

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the regression formula for the pastoral standard of 19 per cent on properties, 33 per cent on valuations and 48 per cent on area.

The final formula was  $0.03173 \times \text{valuations} + 0.01767 \times \text{area (hectares)}$ .

## **Mining rates**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the mining standard formula of 0 percent on area, 84 per cent on valuation and 16 per cent on number of properties. An adjusted formula was used for Wanneroo, Port Hedland, Ashburton and Kwinana to reflect their significantly higher rating capacity.

Formula for all local governments excluding Wanneroo, Port Hedland, Ashburton and Kwinana.  
 $0 \times \text{area} + 0.2590 \times \text{valuations} + 927.77 \times \text{number of properties}.$

Formula for Wanneroo, Port Hedland, Ashburton and Kwinana.  
 $0 \times \text{area} + 0.3421 \times \text{valuations} + 1255.07 \times \text{number of properties}.$

## **Agricultural**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the agricultural standard model weightings of 24 per cent on number of properties, 39 per cent on valuations and 37 per cent on area.

The final formula was  $\$804.88 \times \text{number of properties} + 0.0021 \times \text{valuations} + 3.57 \times \text{area}.$

## **Investment**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated investment revenue formula.

The final formula was  $\text{population} \times \$17.19.$

## **Expenditure standards**

### **Recreation and culture**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated recreation and culture standard formula.

The final formula was  $\$302.88 \times \text{population} + \text{cost adjustors}.$

### **Governance**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated governance standard formula.

The final formula was  $\$187.70 \times \text{number of ratable assessments} + \text{cost adjustors}.$

### **Community amenities**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated community amenities standard formula.

The final formula was  $\$159.72 \times \text{number of ratable assessments} + \text{cost adjustors}.$

### **Education, health and welfare**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated education, health and welfare standard formula.

The final formula was  $\$47.99 \times \text{population} + \text{cost adjustors}.$



## **Law, order and public safety**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the law, order and public safety standard formula.

The final formula was  $\$74.97 \times \text{number of ratable assessments} + \text{cost adjustors}$ .

## **Transport**

The transport standard figures used are those approved as presented to the Commission out-of-session on 5 August 2024.

The final formula was factored back transport needs – road preservation grants.

## **Cost adjustors**

Each year the Commission updates the indicator data used in the cost adjustors. This ensures that the calculations are accurate and equitable for the state. For the cost adjustors listed below, updates to indicator data results in changes to state averages.

## **Medical facilities**

The Commission requested that the doctor and nurse practitioner expenditure categories that are recognised through the medical cost adjustor be more specific to recognising the direct cost to local governments. As a result, the final expenditure categories to be recognised now are; doctor (salary/retainer), car, housing, doctors surgery (rent forgone), communication expenses, and other costs.

However, the removal of several previously recognised categories resulted in the allocation to the medical cost adjustor being far more than needed and was allocating up to 120 per cent of local government expenditure. Therefore, the Commission endorsed an 18 per cent increase to the medical cost adjustor, raising from \$85,000 to \$100,000 for the 2024-25 FA Grants calculation. In 2024-25, 11 local governments received the maximum allowance of \$100,000.

## **Growth data**

The Commission updated the historical growth data range from 2016 to 2020, to 2017 to 2021 and the future growth data is updated to 2026 to 2031. The updated historical data means that a range of local governments that previously received an allocation for growth would not be eligible based on the new criteria within the calculation.

## **Special needs**

The Commission provided special needs funding to two local governments in 2023-24: The Shire of Gingin for the financial impact the Lancelin Off-Road Vehicle Area has on the shire, and the Shire of Murchison for the financial impact of being off the power grid. The Commission received and assessed a submission from the Shire of Murchison and in 2023-24 resolved to increase the special needs cost adjustor allocation from \$80,000 to \$120,000 for the 2024-25 FA Grants calculation.

### **Off-Road drainage**

Data on drainage infrastructure and costs are collected every three to five years. Some local governments provided data in 2019, some in 2022, some in both and some not at all. To ensure an equitable distribution of FA Grants the Commission encourages all local governments to provide accurate costs when requested. As a result, there was a significant increase to the assessed off road drainage allowances for 2023-24. The total off road drainage allowance for 2024-25 is \$14.79 million, which is the same as 2023-24.

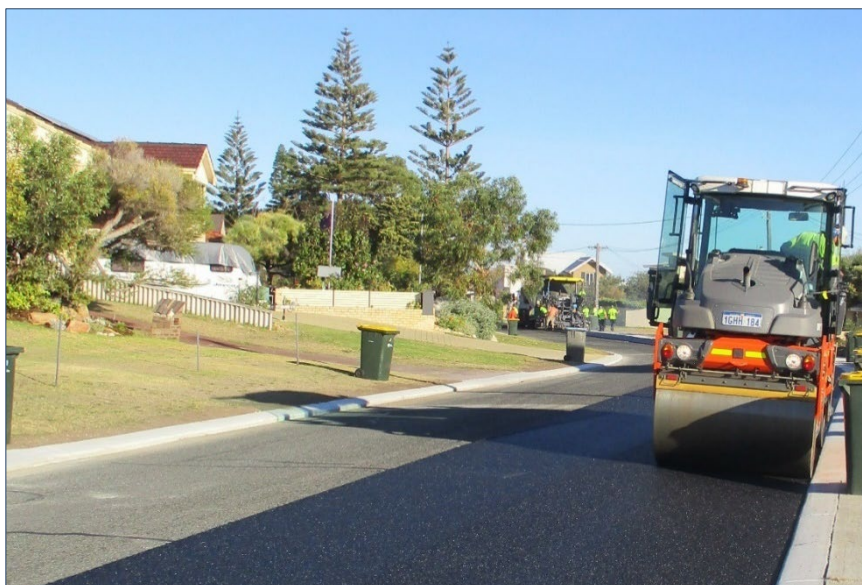
### **Transport standard**

The Commonwealth's 2020-21 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) funding stream was allocated to local governments largely on the basis of asset preservation needs, even though the funding was not required to be spent on roads.

A total of \$336.7 million was allocated to Western Australian local governments in phases 1 to 3. This included \$73 million provided in phase 1, a further \$117.6 million in phase 2 and \$146.1 million for phase 3. According to the Western Australian Local Government Association Road Assets and Expenditure Report 2022-23, \$97.9 million (29.1 per cent) of the \$336.7 million provided in phases 1 to 3 was spent on roads. As this funding was not necessarily for road asset preservation only, the Commission took 65.3 per cent of this expenditure (\$63.9 million) into account, as this represents the proportion of general local government expenditure on roads that focuses on asset preservation. The effect of this inclusion of 29.1 per cent of the LRCIP is to increase the total preservation grants netted out from the required transport expenditure from \$335.2 million to \$349.8 million. This had the effect of reducing the assessed transport standard expenditure calculated for local governments and resulted in many reductions to local government equalisation assessments.

## Local road funding

The Commission calculates the road grant allocations using the asset preservation model (APM) which has been in place since 1992. The APM recognises the maintenance costs based on the existing road assets of each local government and regional differences in the cost of maintenance.



Local road inventory data is a critical input to the APM and local governments are encouraged to maintain comprehensive and up-to-date inventory data.

For 2024-25, Western Australia received \$154,008,976 of the total national local road funding pool of \$1,007,240,310, representing 15.29 per cent of the national total.

*Image: A road being resurfaced by a local government.*

Ninety-three per cent of the Commonwealth funds for road grants are distributed to local governments in Western Australia according to the APM.

Under the current methodology, seven per cent of the funds are allocated for special projects; one-third of this is for roads servicing Aboriginal communities and two-thirds is for bridges.

Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) contributes one third of the cost of projects funded under this program.

The amounts involved for 2024-25 are:

Roads servicing Aboriginal communities	\$3,586,333
Bridges	\$7,172,667
Distributed according to the APM	\$143,249,976
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$154,008,976</b>

## Special projects: roads servicing Aboriginal communities

In 2024-25 the special projects funds for Aboriginal access roads are:

Special project funds from the Commission	\$3,586,333
State funds from MRWA	\$1,793,166
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,379,499</b>

The Aboriginal Access Roads Committee advises the Commission on procedures for determining the allocations of Commonwealth road funds for roads servicing remote Aboriginal communities and recommends the allocations that are made each year.

Membership of the committee is made up of representatives from the following organisations:

- Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (Chair)
- Western Australian Local Government Association
- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- MRWA
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Communities
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; and
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The committee has established funding criteria based on factors including the number of Aboriginal people serviced by a road, the distance of a community from a sealed road, the condition of the road, the proportion of traffic servicing Aboriginal communities and the availability of alternative access. These criteria have provided a rational method of assessing priorities in developing a five-year program.

Special project funds have been allocated for improvements to Aboriginal access roads over many years, and it continues to be pleasing to see continuing improvements in road standards.

**Table 5: Aboriginal access roads grants 2024-25**

<b>Local government</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>2024-25 allocations (\$)</b>
Derby-West Kimberley	Calwynyardah Noonkanbah	166,667
	Camballin	100,000
	Cherrabun	66,667
	Christmas Creek	66,667
East Pilbara	Desert Road	99,667
	Jigalong	120,000
	Jupiter Well	56,667
	Kiwirrkurra	116,667
	Kunawarritji	213,333
	Punmu	120,000
	Talawana Track	133,333
Halls Creek	Balgo Mission	100,000
	Lake Gregory	80,000
	Tanami	166,667
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Cutline Road	333,333
Laverton	Old Laverton (Mt Margaret)	166,667
Menzies	Tjuntjuntjarra	200,000
Ngaanyatjarraku	Great Central	120,000
	Irrunytju (Giles Mulga Park)	120,000
	Mantamaru (Jameson Wanarn)	26,667
	Papulankutja (Warburton Blackstone)	213,333
	Patjarr	40,000
	Tjirrkarli	53,333
	Tjukurla	53,333
	Warakurna	13,333
Port Hedland	Yandeyarra	80,000
Upper Gascoyne	Landor Mt Augustus	133,333
Wiluna	Wiluna North	66,667
Wyndham-East Kimberley	Gibb River Kalumburu	360,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,586,333</b>

## Special projects: bridges

The Commission's policy for allocating funds for bridges recognises that there are many local government bridges that are in poor condition and that the maintenance and preservation of these bridges must be given a high priority.

The special project funds for bridges are only allocated to preservation projects, recognising that some of these projects may include some upgrading and that preservation includes replacement when the existing bridge has reached the end of its economic life.

MRWA contributes one third of the cost of all projects funded under the special projects program.

In 2024-25, the funds for the preservation of bridges are:

Special project funds from the Commission	\$ 7,172,667
State funds from MRWA	\$ 3,586,334
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,759,001</b>

The Bridge Committee advises the Commission on priorities for allocating funds for bridges.

Membership of the committee is made up of representatives from the following organisations:

- Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (Chair)
- Western Australian Local Government Association
- MRWA
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The Committee regularly receives recommendations from MRWA on funding priorities for bridges. MRWA inspects and evaluates the condition of local government bridges and has the expertise to assess priorities and make recommendations on remedial measures.



**Table 6: Bridge project grants 2024-25**

<b>Local government</b>	<b>Road name</b>	<b>2024-25 allocations (\$)</b>
Albany	Redmond - Hay River Rd	54,000
Armadale	Forrest Rd	200,000
Beverley	Waterhatch Rd	1,486,000
Boyup Brook	Jackson St	82,000
Boyup Brook	Jayes Rd	1,367,997
Brookton	Yeo Rd	374,000
Bunbury	Koombana Dr	202,000
Gingin	Weld St	1,961,337
Goomalling	Bolgart East Rd	121,333
Goomalling	Tyndall Rd	214,000
Gosnells	Burslem Dr	280,000
Gosnells	Station St	200,000
Nannup	East Nannup Rd	172,000
Narrogin	Tarwonga Rd	458,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,172,667</b>

## **Road costs used in the Asset Preservation Model**

A major influence on the increase in total asset preservation needs was the 11 per cent inflation factor applied to the unit costs.

The unit costs were last comprehensively reviewed in 2019, and an inflation factor based on a relevant Australian Bureau of Statistics cost index has been applied each subsequent year to keep the costs current. The inflation factor applied to the 2019 costs for the 2024 assessments was 32 per cent. The larger inflation factor is consistent with industry reports of increasing costs.

A review of unit costs has commenced, with the data collected from local governments currently being analysed. Updated unit costs will therefore be applied in the 2025 determinations.

## **Distribution of the Asset Preservation Model component**

In 2024-25, \$143,249,976 will be distributed in accordance with road preservation needs determined by the Commission's APM. The model assesses the average annual costs of maintaining each local government's road network and has the facility to equalise road standards through the application of minimum standards. These standards help local governments that have not been able to develop their road systems to the same level as other more established local governments.

Accurate road costs underpin the reliability of the APM, which is used for allocating the Commonwealth Financial Assistance local road grants. MRWA also uses the APM assessments for allocating the state's direct (road) grants. The Commonwealth has also used the Commission's APM assessments as a basis for allocating Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding and the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Total assessed asset preservation needs in Western Australia increased by 10.5 per cent from \$1.055 billion in 2023-24 to \$1.166 billion in 2024-25, reflecting both increased inventory and significantly increased costs.

## Schedule of general purpose grants

Local government	2023-24 final general purpose grant (\$)	2024-25 final general purpose grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Minus adjustment for 2023-24 grant (\$)	2024-25 total general purpose grant after adj. (\$)	Advance payment paid in June 2024 (\$)	Recoup 2023-24 under/over payments and adj. (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 adj & 2024-25 (\$)
Albany	3,460,190	3,554,000	2.71	- 8,595	3,545,405	3,015,304	- 103,308	426,792
Armadale	2,576,077	3,409,480	32.35	- 6,399	3,403,081	2,892,690	105,020	615,411
Ashburton	2,541,220	1,982,823	-21.97	- 6,312	1,976,511	1,682,278	- 952,001	4
Augusta Margaret River	635,282	555,228	-12.60	- 1,578	553,650	471,069	- 9,040	73,540
Bassendean	414,044	433,469	4.69	- 1,028	432,441	367,648	2,676	64,792
Bayswater	1,796,164	1,903,710	5.99	- 4,462	1,899,248	1,614,640	15,504	284,609
Belmont	1,105,296	1,178,264	6.60	- 2,746	1,175,518	999,349	- 6,281	176,169
Beverley	841,257	761,638	-9.46	- 2,090	759,548	646,193	- 100,791	12,565
Boddington	83,620	45,771	-45.26	- 208	45,563	38,821	- 12,704	6,742
Boyup Brook	999,355	969,624	-2.98	- 2,482	967,142	822,654	- 42,559	101,928
Bridgetown Greenbushes	1,180,169	1,021,756	-13.42	- 2,932	1,018,824	866,884	- 241,146	4
Brookton	934,624	984,368	5.32	- 2,322	982,046	835,163	2,136	149,020
Broome	1,967,904	1,519,974	-22.76	- 4,888	1,515,086	1,289,584	- 341,972	4
Broomehill-Tambellup	1,231,415	1,183,812	-3.87	- 3,059	1,180,753	1,004,376	- 126,630	49,747
Bruce Rock	1,941,862	2,040,567	5.08	- 4,824	2,035,743	1,731,269	- 61,455	243,019
Bunbury	856,343	891,027	4.05	- 2,127	888,900	755,729	49,295	133,172
Busseton	1,067,765	1,126,829	5.53	- 2,652	1,124,177	955,725	154,636	168,452
Cambridge	754,866	797,870	5.70	- 1,875	795,995	676,717	14,189	119,278
Canning	2,477,459	2,657,372	7.26	- 6,154	2,651,218	2,253,862	29,813	397,357
Capel	1,812,264	2,131,798	17.63	- 4,502	2,127,296	1,808,672	69,855	388,479
Carnamah	1,205,480	1,282,638	6.40	- 2,994	1,279,644	1,088,223	- 8,631	182,790
Carnarvon	4,334,069	4,675,607	7.88	- 10,766	4,664,841	3,966,904	- 60,782	637,154
Chapman Valley	635,999	425,616	-33.08	- 1,580	424,036	361,104	- 90,764	4
Chittering	1,237,301	1,449,802	17.17	- 3,073	1,446,729	1,230,049	30,482	247,161
Claremont	291,663	312,095	7.01	- 724	311,371	264,705	- 2,715	46,666

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Cockburn	3,112,845	3,338,841	7.26	- 7,732	3,331,109	2,831,852	51,208	499,257
Collie	1,489,314	1,868,369	25.45	- 3,699	1,864,670	1,585,172	110,541	390,039
Coolgardie	694,325	601,119	-13.42	- 1,725	599,394	510,005	- 10,905	78,485
Coorow	1,733,861	1,826,871	5.36	- 4,307	1,822,564	1,549,964	- 3,092	269,508
Corrigin	1,509,502	1,524,067	0.96	- 3,750	1,520,317	1,293,057	- 31,877	195,383
Cottesloe	213,879	222,834	4.19	- 531	222,303	188,998	- 9,111	33,305
Cranbrook	1,141,259	1,113,571	-2.43	- 2,835	1,110,736	944,783	- 18,276	147,678
Cuballing	622,118	658,456	5.84	- 1,545	656,911	558,651	- 14,208	84,052
Cue	1,880,918	2,080,252	10.60	- 4,672	2,075,580	1,764,939	25,675	336,316
Cunderdin	1,135,935	1,210,722	6.58	- 2,822	1,207,900	1,027,207	17,070	197,763
Dalwallinu	2,309,828	2,483,535	7.52	- 5,738	2,477,797	2,107,095	- 2,340	368,363
Dandaragan	987,679	1,057,053	7.02	- 2,453	1,054,600	896,831	- 17,895	139,874
Dardanup	1,007,895	887,830	-11.91	- 2,504	885,326	753,257	- 134,924	4
Denmark	596,922	230,186	-61.44	- 1,483	228,703	143,851	- 244,061	25,754
Derby-West Kimberley	5,636,727	6,383,316	13.25	- 14,002	6,369,314	5,415,767	213,941	1,167,488
Donnybrook-Balingup	1,459,389	1,477,202	1.22	- 3,625	1,473,577	1,253,295	- 30,375	189,906
Dowerin	1,051,029	1,055,293	0.41	- 2,611	1,052,682	895,338	- 19,499	137,845
Dumbleyung	1,336,867	1,407,042	5.25	- 3,321	1,403,721	1,193,771	- 32,427	177,524
Dundas	1,281,874	1,452,350	13.30	- 3,184	1,449,166	1,232,211	45,413	262,368
East Fremantle	203,858	210,712	3.36	- 506	210,206	178,716	- 4,130	31,489
East Pilbara	3,324,045	3,819,341	14.90	- 8,257	3,811,084	3,240,426	178,094	748,752
Esperance	3,845,944	3,794,493	-1.34	- 9,553	3,784,940	3,219,344	24,386	589,981
Exmouth	1,515,049	1,693,364	11.77	- 3,763	1,689,601	1,436,693	14,158	267,065
Fremantle	839,289	900,997	7.35	- 2,085	898,912	764,184	- 24,226	134,728
Gingin	1,134,746	1,354,362	19.35	- 2,819	1,351,543	1,149,075	15,653	218,121
Gnowangerup	1,138,491	1,120,890	-1.55	- 2,828	1,118,062	950,992	- 24,990	142,080
Goomalling	584,089	470,223	-19.49	- 1,451	468,772	398,949	- 40,090	29,733
Gosnells	3,307,386	3,520,107	6.43	- 8,216	3,511,891	2,985,594	- 8,749	526,298

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Greater Geraldton	4,999,428	6,101,224	22.04	- 12,419	6,088,805	5,176,434	449,968	1,362,339
Halls Creek	3,843,692	4,386,018	14.11	- 9,548	4,376,470	3,721,210	125,676	780,937
Harvey	2,796,118	3,124,232	11.73	- 6,946	3,117,286	2,650,678	- 9,499	457,110
Irwin	396,724	360,057	-9.24	- 985	359,072	305,482	- 35,788	17,802
Jerramungup	946,702	1,017,500	7.48	- 2,352	1,015,148	863,274	3,023	154,899
Joondalup	4,147,385	4,347,936	4.84	- 10,302	4,337,634	3,687,720	- 44,381	649,914
Kalamunda	1,535,068	1,606,094	4.63	- 3,813	1,602,281	1,362,216	- 22,039	240,066
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,834,678	1,884,145	2.70	- 4,557	1,879,588	1,598,557	301,758	582,789
Karratha	1,427,976	2,326,939	62.95	- 3,547	2,323,392	1,974,235	483,290	832,448
Katanning	1,981,994	2,258,361	13.94	- 4,923	2,253,438	1,916,051	85,301	422,687
Kellerberrin	1,856,384	1,940,044	4.51	- 4,611	1,935,433	1,645,983	- 38,146	251,304
Kent	1,471,708	1,461,334	-0.70	- 3,656	1,457,678	1,239,833	- 8,118	209,728
Kojonup	916,008	772,552	-15.66	- 2,275	770,277	655,453	- 105,328	9,496
Kondinin	1,872,133	1,843,824	-1.51	- 4,650	1,839,174	1,564,347	- 52,921	221,905
Koorda	1,518,803	1,577,800	3.88	- 3,773	1,574,027	1,338,646	- 53,181	182,200
Kulin	1,716,724	1,828,569	6.52	- 4,264	1,824,305	1,551,405	6,346	279,246
Kwinana	1,245,205	1,335,285	7.23	- 3,093	1,332,192	1,132,528	3,139	199,664
Lake Grace	2,064,197	2,078,232	0.68	- 5,127	2,073,105	1,763,225	- 26,921	282,958
Laverton	1,925,010	2,159,197	12.17	- 4,782	2,154,415	1,831,917	163,775	486,272
Leonora	559,199	218,045	-61.01	- 1,389	216,656	184,995	- 185,381	4
Mandurah	2,377,848	2,544,123	6.99	- 5,907	2,538,216	2,157,809	- 21,715	380,408
Manjimup	3,127,017	3,155,387	0.91	- 7,768	3,147,619	2,677,111	- 161,635	308,874
Meekatharra	2,989,967	3,497,744	16.98	- 7,427	3,490,317	2,967,575	194,107	716,849
Melville	2,672,107	2,829,976	5.91	- 6,638	2,823,338	2,400,256	- 36,989	423,082
Menzies	1,754,446	1,670,835	-4.77	- 4,358	1,666,477	1,417,579	- 149,816	99,082

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Merredin	1,966,252	2,116,617	7.65	- 4,884	2,111,733	1,795,792	- 19,023	296,918
Mingenew	438,710	426,087	-2.88	- 1,090	424,997	361,503	- 21,447	42,047
Moora	1,210,198	1,213,526	0.27	- 3,006	1,210,520	1,029,586	4,416	185,349
Morawa	1,435,376	1,523,978	6.17	- 3,565	1,520,413	1,292,982	- 11,251	216,180
Mosman Park	238,634	257,098	7.74	- 593	256,505	218,059	- 1,807	38,446
Mount Magnet	1,866,450	2,090,470	12.00	- 4,636	2,085,834	1,773,608	136,689	448,914
Mount Marshall	1,906,592	1,915,713	0.48	- 4,736	1,910,977	1,625,339	- 55,265	230,372
Mukinbudin	1,254,521	1,311,697	4.56	- 3,116	1,308,581	1,112,878	- 36,495	159,209
Mundaring	1,803,806	1,993,863	10.54	- 4,481	1,989,382	1,691,645	13,520	311,258
Murchison	3,587,855	3,888,280	8.37	- 8,912	3,879,368	3,298,916	- 31,770	548,682
Murray	1,186,665	1,439,800	21.33	- 2,948	1,436,852	1,221,563	40,786	256,076
Nannup	1,035,505	1,078,803	4.18	- 2,572	1,076,231	915,284	- 26,302	134,645
Narembeen	1,547,692	1,601,549	3.48	- 3,844	1,597,705	1,358,796	- 33,725	205,184
Narrogin	1,777,082	1,703,060	-4.17	- 4,414	1,698,646	1,444,920	- 200,281	53,445
Nedlands	585,049	618,322	5.69	- 1,453	616,869	524,432	- 19,082	92,436
Ngaanyatjarraku	3,838,135	4,549,260	18.53	- 9,534	4,539,726	3,859,708	165,056	845,074
Northam	2,740,839	3,146,080	14.79	- 6,808	3,139,272	2,669,214	89,313	559,370
Northampton	1,595,140	1,782,758	11.76	- 3,962	1,778,796	1,512,537	17,396	283,654
Nungarin	1,163,706	1,226,875	5.43	- 2,891	1,223,984	1,040,913	- 27,891	155,181
Peppermint Grove	45,380	44,490	-1.96	- 113	44,377	37,734	- 5,188	6,643
Perenjori	1,698,948	1,706,855	0.47	- 4,220	1,702,635	1,448,139	- 26,347	228,149
Perth	806,857	842,027	4.36	- 2,004	840,023	714,169	- 87,791	125,854
Pingelly	1,175,003	1,306,046	11.15	- 2,919	1,303,127	1,108,083	13,378	208,422
Plantagenet	1,460,185	1,565,011	7.18	- 3,627	1,561,384	1,327,795	12,167	245,756
Port Hedland	680,357	442,003	-35.03	- 1,690	440,313	374,887	- 238,041	65,426
Quairading	1,495,004	1,590,976	6.42	- 3,714	1,587,262	1,349,825	- 29,691	207,747
Ravensthorpe	1,475,790	1,422,330	-3.62	- 3,666	1,418,664	1,206,741	- 55,436	156,487

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Rockingham	3,639,715	3,813,981	4.79	- 9,041	3,804,940	3,234,844	- 77,046	570,096
Sandstone	1,892,961	2,047,774	8.18	- 4,702	2,043,072	1,737,383	- 7,147	298,541
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,702,547	1,891,208	11.08	- 4,229	1,886,979	1,604,549	- 57,606	224,821
Shark Bay	1,700,790	1,803,294	6.03	- 4,225	1,799,069	1,529,960	- 51,584	217,524
South Perth	1,127,766	1,196,844	6.13	- 2,801	1,194,043	1,015,108	- 17,706	178,934
Stirling	5,871,734	6,249,878	6.44	- 14,585	6,235,293	5,300,860	183,571	934,432
Subiaco	447,317	483,597	8.11	- 1,111	482,486	410,164	3,244	72,321
Swan	4,075,546	4,397,423	7.90	- 10,124	4,387,299	3,729,693	- 9,217	657,607
Tammin	941,711	998,041	5.98	- 2,339	995,702	846,764	- 10,820	138,118
Three Springs	973,709	972,328	-0.14	- 2,419	969,909	824,948	- 50,449	94,512
Toodyay	1,001,598	1,052,262	5.06	- 2,488	1,049,774	892,766	- 66,205	90,803
Trayning	1,606,174	1,768,096	10.08	- 3,990	1,764,106	1,500,097	1,495	265,503
Upper Gascoyne	3,693,161	4,286,074	16.05	- 9,174	4,276,900	3,636,415	132,143	772,629
Victoria Park	970,372	1,045,158	7.71	- 2,414	1,042,744	886,445	7,898	156,292
Victoria Plains	751,422	775,298	3.18	- 1,867	773,431	657,783	8,286	123,935
Vincent	956,850	1,028,316	7.47	- 2,377	1,025,939	872,171	- 12,135	153,769
Wagin	1,178,132	1,264,297	7.31	- 2,926	1,261,371	1,072,662	- 956	187,753
Wandering	367,846	330,428	-10.17	- 914	329,514	280,344	- 13,814	35,357
Wanneroo	5,575,630	5,879,992	5.46	- 13,850	5,866,142	4,987,140	- 129,899	879,002
Waroon	1,103,335	1,123,376	1.82	- 2,741	1,120,635	953,101	- 23,963	143,571
West Arthur	733,096	744,354	1.54	- 1,821	742,533	631,529	15,841	126,845
Westonia	1,177,971	1,189,661	0.99	- 2,926	1,186,735	1,009,339	- 23,650	153,747
Wickepin	1,156,701	1,156,523	-0.02	- 2,873	1,153,650	981,223	- 73,797	98,629
Williams	381,983	400,812	4.93	- 949	399,863	340,060	3,274	63,078
Wiluna	2,285,377	2,359,459	3.24	- 5,677	2,353,782	2,001,826	- 43,221	308,736
Wongan-Ballidu	1,666,802	1,715,089	2.90	- 4,140	1,710,949	1,455,125	15,472	271,295
Woodanilling	604,421	668,043	10.53	- 1,501	666,542	566,785	- 11,207	88,550

Local government	2023-24 final general purpose grant (\$)	2024-25 final general purpose grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Minus adjustment for 2023-24 grant (\$)	2024-25 general purpose grant after adj. (\$)	Advance payment paid in June 2024 (\$)	Recoup 2023-24 under/over payments and adj. (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 adj & 2024-25 (\$)
Wyalkatchem	1,511,918	1,702,420	12.60	- 3,756	1,698,664	1,444,376	24,325	278,613
Wyndham-East Kimberley	3,077,985	3,537,782	14.94	- 7,646	3,530,136	3,001,545	- 29,166	499,426
Yalgoo	2,063,314	2,210,848	7.15	- 5,125	2,205,723	1,875,740	- 25,577	304,406
Yilgarn	2,597,959	2,634,513	1.41	- 6,453	2,628,060	2,235,188	21,566	414,437
York	1,057,678	1,216,984	15.06	- 2,627	1,214,357	1,032,521	41,234	223,071
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>231,362,524</b>	<b>246,131,716</b>		<b>- 574,708</b>	<b>245,557,008</b>	<b>208,757,650</b>	<b>1,508,612</b>	<b>36,799,358</b>

Note – Notifications have been sent to local governments that received an *under* or over payment that was greater than \$50,000, or less than \$50,000 but equal to or greater than two per cent of rates revenue.



## Schedule of local road funding (part one)

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage Change (%)	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Albany	2,306,221	2,358,086	2.25	7,763	1,826	2,421,675	2,150,814	270,861
Armadale	1,859,608	2,060,596	10.81	6,783	1,472	2,268,851	1,879,473	389,378
Ashburton	1,125,051	1,090,949	-3.03	3,591	861	1,095,401	995,056	100,345
Augusta Margaret River	1,271,631	1,305,385	2.65	4,297	1,007	1,310,689	1,190,644	120,045
Bassendean	265,581	281,268	5.91	926	210	282,404	256,545	25,859
Bayswater	991,598	1,051,026	5.99	3,460	785	1,055,271	958,642	96,629
Belmont	685,304	717,526	4.70	2,362	542	720,430	654,457	65,973
Beverley	589,258	668,671	13.48	2,201	466	2,157,338	609,896	1,547,442
Boddington	259,790	297,843	14.65	980	206	299,029	271,663	27,366
Boyup Brook	839,376	869,334	3.57	2,862	664	2,322,857	792,921	1,529,936
Bridgetown Greenbushes	833,492	855,916	2.69	2,818	660	859,394	780,683	78,711
Brookton	439,031	460,206	4.82	1,515	348	836,069	419,754	416,315
Broome	676,707	705,535	4.26	2,323	536	708,394	643,520	64,874
Broomehill-Tambellup	804,804	838,994	4.25	2,762	637	842,393	765,248	77,145
Bruce Rock	999,046	1,038,021	3.90	3,417	791	1,042,229	946,781	95,448
Bunbury	1,081,261	1,184,777	9.57	3,900	856	1,391,533	1,080,638	310,895
Busselton	1,786,662	2,041,120	14.24	6,719	1,414	2,049,253	1,861,709	187,544
Cambridge	517,733	559,640	8.09	1,842	410	561,892	510,448	51,444
Canning	1,648,141	1,745,754	5.92	5,747	1,305	1,752,806	1,592,306	160,500
Capel	790,583	819,887	3.71	2,699	626	823,212	747,821	75,391
Carnamah	589,424	617,391	4.74	2,032	467	619,890	563,123	56,767
Carnarvon	1,699,352	1,790,816	5.38	5,895	1,345	1,798,056	1,633,406	164,650

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage Change (%)	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Chapman Valley	661,543	684,519	3.47	2,253	524	687,296	624,351	62,945
Chittering	582,515	597,902	2.64	1,968	461	600,331	545,347	54,984
Claremont	131,001	133,715	2.07	440	104	134,259	121,961	12,298
Cockburn	2,574,366	2,494,374	-3.11	8,211	2,038	2,504,623	2,275,123	229,500
Collie	607,291	620,678	2.20	2,043	481	623,202	566,122	57,080
Coolgardie	644,674	686,410	6.47	2,260	510	689,180	626,076	63,104
Coorow	683,526	709,337	3.78	2,335	541	712,213	646,987	65,226
Corrigin	848,184	883,097	4.12	2,907	671	886,675	805,474	81,201
Cottesloe	113,470	116,382	2.57	383	90	116,855	106,152	10,703
Cranbrook	802,039	828,949	3.36	2,729	635	832,313	756,086	76,227
Cuballing	419,200	458,533	9.38	1,509	332	460,374	418,228	42,146
Cue	618,014	632,125	2.28	2,081	489	634,695	576,562	58,133
Cunderdin	641,406	676,364	5.45	2,227	508	679,099	616,913	62,186
Dalwallinu	1,439,368	1,542,651	7.18	5,078	1,139	1,548,868	1,407,055	141,813
Dandaragan	1,278,802	1,303,291	1.91	4,290	998	1,308,579	1,188,734	119,845
Dardanup	661,495	677,946	2.49	2,232	524	680,702	618,356	62,346
Denmark	602,358	619,688	2.88	2,040	477	622,205	565,218	56,987
Derby-West Kimberley	1,370,695	1,426,501	4.07	4,696	1,085	1,832,282	1,301,114	531,168
Donnybrook-Balingup	819,309	845,545	3.20	2,783	649	848,977	771,223	77,754
Dowerin	686,722	717,387	4.47	2,362	544	720,293	654,330	65,963
Dumbleyung	773,827	861,343	11.31	2,835	613	864,791	785,632	79,159
Dundas	485,550	496,443	2.24	1,634	384	498,461	452,807	45,654
East Fremantle	91,635	94,528	3.16	311	73	94,912	86,219	8,693
East Pilbara	2,405,410	2,704,053	12.42	8,902	1,904	3,574,526	2,466,372	1,108,154

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Esperance	3,769,705	3,990,295	5.85	13,136	2,984	4,006,415	3,639,555	366,860
Exmouth	513,814	527,606	2.68	1,737	407	529,750	481,230	48,520
Fremantle	483,213	477,577	-1.17	1,572	383	479,532	435,599	43,933
Gingin	1,087,994	1,114,856	2.47	3,670	861	3,080,724	1,016,862	2,063,862
Gnowangerup	812,211	845,636	4.12	2,784	643	849,063	771,306	77,757
Goomalling	462,027	491,165	6.31	1,617	366	828,481	447,992	380,489
Gosnells	2,094,448	2,199,854	5.03	7,242	1,658	2,688,754	2,006,491	682,263
Greater Geraldton	2,503,469	2,603,859	4.01	8,572	1,982	2,614,413	2,374,985	239,428
Halls Creek	1,053,323	1,173,766	11.43	3,864	834	1,525,131	1,070,594	454,537
Harvey	1,243,080	1,305,968	5.06	4,299	984	1,311,251	1,191,176	120,075
Irwin	416,636	427,181	2.53	1,406	330	428,917	389,633	39,284
Jerramungup	783,042	813,960	3.95	2,680	620	817,260	742,414	74,846
Joondalup	2,709,870	2,883,565	6.41	9,493	2,145	2,895,203	2,630,105	265,098
Kalamunda	1,443,093	1,493,689	3.51	4,917	1,142	1,499,748	1,362,396	137,352
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,982,059	2,032,445	2.54	6,691	1,569	2,374,037	1,853,797	520,240
Karratha	1,504,341	1,389,644	-7.62	0	106,437	1,283,207	1,267,497	15,710
Katanning	624,654	659,230	5.54	2,170	494	661,894	601,284	60,610
Kellerberrin	723,470	755,177	4.38	2,486	573	758,236	688,798	69,438
Kent	912,429	972,152	6.55	3,200	722	976,074	886,701	89,373
Kojonup	848,192	877,371	3.44	2,888	671	880,930	800,251	80,679
Kondinin	987,589	1,027,305	4.02	3,382	782	1,031,469	937,007	94,462
Koorda	801,249	810,076	1.10	2,667	634	813,377	738,872	74,505
Kulin	1,088,886	1,127,614	3.56	3,712	862	1,132,188	1,028,499	103,689
Kwinana	983,516	1,036,921	5.43	3,413	779	1,041,113	945,777	95,336

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Lake Grace	1,606,316	1,682,551	4.75	5,539	1,272	1,689,362	1,534,658	154,704
Laverton	1,148,632	1,250,975	8.91	4,118	909	1,422,669	1,141,016	281,653
Leonora	829,950	929,631	12.01	3,060	657	933,348	847,918	85,430
Mandurah	1,646,172	1,690,964	2.72	5,567	1,303	1,697,834	1,542,331	155,503
Manjimup	1,725,085	1,769,471	2.57	5,825	1,366	1,776,662	1,613,938	162,724
Meekatharra	1,795,138	1,866,440	3.97	6,144	1,421	1,874,005	1,702,384	171,621
Melville	1,374,858	1,405,318	2.22	4,626	1,088	1,411,032	1,281,793	129,239
Menzies	937,650	1,048,618	11.83	3,452	742	1,252,812	956,446	296,366
Merredin	1,043,953	1,088,382	4.26	3,583	826	1,092,791	992,715	100,076
Mingenew	408,893	419,122	2.50	1,380	324	420,826	382,282	38,544
Moora	914,591	1,001,802	9.54	3,298	724	1,005,824	913,745	92,079
Morawa	720,820	754,298	4.64	2,483	571	757,352	687,997	69,355
Mosman Park	104,601	107,285	2.57	353	83	107,721	97,855	9,866
Mount Magnet	416,072	554,353	33.23	1,825	329	556,507	505,626	50,881
Mount Marshall	1,093,366	1,140,391	4.30	3,754	866	1,145,011	1,040,153	104,858
Mukinbudin	674,542	696,168	3.21	2,292	534	698,994	634,977	64,017
Mundaring	1,301,075	1,339,924	2.99	4,411	1,030	1,345,365	1,222,147	123,218
Murchison	1,099,379	1,133,505	3.10	3,731	870	1,138,106	1,033,872	104,234
Murray	1,089,541	1,140,999	4.72	3,756	862	1,145,617	1,040,708	104,909
Nannup	601,906	616,623	2.45	2,030	476	791,129	562,423	228,706
Narembeen	1,016,306	1,056,714	3.98	3,479	805	1,060,998	963,831	97,167
Narrogin	735,716	847,270	15.16	2,789	582	1,308,641	772,796	535,845
Nedlands	363,954	373,394	2.59	1,229	288	374,911	340,573	34,338
Ngaanyatjarraku	1,068,901	1,031,990	-3.45	3,397	846	1,676,233	941,280	734,953

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Northam	1,004,649	1,054,385	4.95	3,471	795	1,058,651	961,706	96,945
Northampton	900,998	932,607	3.51	3,070	713	936,390	850,632	85,758
Nungarin	392,717	395,708	0.76	1,303	311	397,322	360,926	36,396
Peppermint Grove	25,128	25,736	2.42	85	20	25,841	23,474	2,367
Perenjori	1,113,126	1,148,430	3.17	3,781	881	1,153,092	1,047,485	105,607
Perth	459,731	447,090	-2.75	1,472	349	448,911	407,792	41,119
Pingelly	460,402	473,683	2.88	1,559	364	475,606	432,047	43,559
Plantagenet	1,113,916	1,144,836	2.78	3,769	882	1,149,487	1,044,207	105,280
Port Hedland	981,903	1,043,363	6.26	3,435	777	1,127,575	951,653	175,922
Quairading	710,963	742,736	4.47	2,445	563	745,744	677,451	68,293
Ravensthorpe	931,412	960,819	3.16	3,163	737	964,719	876,365	88,354
Rockingham	2,633,697	2,785,038	5.75	9,168	2,085	2,796,291	2,540,238	256,053
Sandstone	589,766	643,713	9.15	2,119	467	646,299	587,132	59,167
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,293,826	1,385,921	7.12	4,562	1,024	1,391,507	1,264,101	127,406
Shark Bay	577,887	605,135	4.72	1,992	457	607,584	551,945	55,639
South Perth	503,769	516,547	2.54	1,700	399	518,646	471,143	47,503
Stirling	2,692,534	3,011,802	11.86	9,915	2,131	3,023,848	2,747,070	276,778
Subiaco	235,969	251,224	6.46	827	187	252,238	229,142	23,096
Swan	3,374,216	3,627,375	7.50	11,941	2,671	3,641,987	3,308,535	333,452
Tammin	362,987	380,355	4.78	1,252	287	381,894	346,922	34,972
Three Springs	579,310	607,448	4.86	2,000	459	609,907	554,055	55,852
Toodyay	707,509	729,576	3.12	2,402	560	732,538	665,448	67,090
Trayning	578,489	606,612	4.86	1,997	458	609,067	553,292	55,775
Upper Gascoyne	1,222,890	1,728,782	41.37	5,691	968	1,868,774	1,576,825	291,949

Local government	2023-24 final road grant (\$)	2024-25 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Plus 2023-24 adjustment (\$)	Under + over adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Total 2024-25 entitlement of road grants + special projects	Advance paid in June 2024 (\$)	Remaining cash payment 2024-25 (\$)
Victoria Park	462,623	499,876	8.05	1,646	366	501,888	455,939	45,949
Victoria Plains	692,348	746,527	7.83	2,458	548	749,533	680,909	68,624
Vincent	455,030	462,704	1.69	1,523	360	464,587	422,033	42,554
Wagin	617,811	657,898	6.49	2,166	489	660,553	600,070	60,483
Wandering	291,669	299,868	2.81	987	231	301,086	273,510	27,576
Wanneroo	3,954,535	4,048,689	2.38	13,331	3,125	4,065,145	3,692,818	372,327
Warooka	490,641	521,092	6.21	1,715	388	523,195	475,289	47,906
West Arthur	645,063	703,604	9.08	2,316	511	706,431	641,758	64,673
Westonia	645,451	669,638	3.75	2,204	511	672,353	610,778	61,575
Wickepin	651,798	681,214	4.51	2,243	516	683,973	621,337	62,636
Williams	427,805	441,862	3.29	1,455	339	443,656	403,023	40,633
Wiluna	1,123,095	1,226,248	9.18	4,037	889	1,297,841	1,118,463	179,378
Wongan-Ballidu	1,013,499	1,109,945	9.52	3,654	802	1,114,401	1,012,383	102,018
Woodanilling	391,497	409,580	4.62	1,348	310	411,238	373,578	37,660
Wyalkatchem	561,893	566,895	0.89	1,866	445	569,206	517,066	52,140
Wyndham-East Kimberley	1,277,672	1,245,813	-2.49	4,101	1,012	1,610,926	1,136,308	474,618
Yalgoo	742,829	809,092	8.92	2,663	588	812,343	737,974	74,369
Yilgarn	1,816,417	1,930,187	6.26	6,354	1,438	1,937,979	1,760,527	177,452
York	779,670	816,721	4.75	2,689	617	820,027	744,933	75,094
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,040,921</b>	<b>143,249,976</b>		<b>466,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,475,973</b>	<b>130,658,557</b>	<b>23,817,416</b>

## Schedule of local road funding – special projects (part two)

Local government	2024-25 bridges (\$)	2024-25 Indigenous access roads (\$)	Total 2024-25 special projects (\$)
Albany	54,000	-	54,000
Armadale	200,000	-	200,000
Beverley	1,486,000	-	1,486,000
Boyup Brook	1,449,997	-	1,449,997
Brookton	374,000	-	374,000
Bunbury	202,000	-	202,000
Derby-West Kimberley	-	400,000	400,000
East Pilbara	-	859,667	859,667
Gingin	1,961,337	-	1,961,337
Goomalling	335,333	-	335,333
Gosnells	480,000	-	480,000
Halls Creek	-	346,667	346,667
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	-	333,333	333,333
Laverton	-	166,667	166,667
Menzies	-	200,000	200,000
Nannup	172,000	-	172,000
Narrogin	458,000	-	458,000
Ngaanyatjarraku	-	639,999	639,999
Port Hedland	-	80,000	80,000
Upper Gascoyne	-	133,333	133,333
Wiluna	-	66,667	66,667
Wyndham-East Kimberley	-	360,000	360,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,172,667</b>	<b>3,586,333</b>	<b>10,759,000</b>

## Grants to Indian Ocean Territories

The Commission provides advice to the Indian Ocean Territories administration on the level of FA Grants to be provided to the Shire of Christmas Island and the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The funding for both shires is assessed separately to the allocation of FA Grants for Western Australia's 137 local governments. Grant funding is allocated directly by the Commonwealth and does not come out of the State funding pool.

The Commission mostly assesses the funding requirements of these two shires in accordance with the same methodology applied to Western Australian local governments. Some specific cost adjusters are applied to recognise the unique situation of the Indian Ocean Territories. The local road funding grant is assessed in accordance with the APM.

**Table 4: Financial Assistance Grants for Indian Ocean Territories 2023-24**

### General Purpose Grants

Local government	2023-24	2024-25	% change
	Final GP grant (\$)	Final GP grant (\$)	
Christmas Island	6,132,490	6,132,490	Nil
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	4,766,056	4,766,056	Nil

### Local road grants

Local government	2023-24	2024-25	% change
	Final road grant (\$)	Final road grant (\$)	
Christmas Island	648,380*	702,295	8.3
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	202,917*	199,074	-1.8

\* Includes underpayment for FY 2023-24

## More information

If you would like more information, please contact the Grants Commission.

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