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For the year ended 31 August 2025

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## Chair's report

I am pleased to present the 2024-25 Annual Report of the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (Commission).

The Commission is a statutory body established under the *Local Government Grants Act 1978* (WA Act). 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 31 local governments. I would like to thank them all for their willingness to engage and discuss the grant methodology in relation to themselves and the sector more broadly. The hearings help inform the Commission's reviews of the methodology which ultimately determines the funding distributions to local governments.

Hearings at the shires of Ngaanyatjarraku, Upper Gascoyne, Murchison and Sandstone were particularly helpful for the Commission to understand the unique circumstances confronting those local governments.

This year, the Commission continued to address issues caused by the 100 per cent advance payment of 2023-24 FA Grants and subsequent 85 per cent advance payment of the 2024-25 funds. Both funding advances contributed to the under and over payment of many local governments in WA. In 2025-26, the Commission finalised rectifying the over and underpayment of local governments as part of the 2025-26 FA Grant allocations, allowing for no further adjustments to be made in the future. I appreciate the patience and understanding of affected local governments while the Commission worked through this matter, noting the significant fluctuations this process caused in some local government's annual allocations.

I wish to thank all Commission members for their hard work over the past 12 months. I would like to acknowledge the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Luke Stevens, and Deputy Country Urban Member, Ms Virginia Miltrup, who have stepped in to cover member vacancies when required as a result of appointment processes. In addition, I wish to acknowledge the continued contribution of our Country Rural member, Ms Melinda Prinsloo, since her reappointment.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our executive staff without whose support the Commission would not be able to operate. To Shannon Wood, Taryn Cox, Nicholas Harmer, Jacob Thomas, Dr Chris Berry and all the others who have assisted during the past year, we appreciate the professionalism you demonstrate to ensure that the Commission can continue its important work supporting the sector.

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



**Wendy Giles**

Chair

Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission

1 September 2025

## Membership of the Commission and supporting staff

For the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 the members of the Commission were:

### Members

Name	Position	Term
Dr Wendy Giles	Chair	26 November 2024 to 31 August 2027
Mr Luke Stevens	Deputy Chair	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2029
Vacant	Metropolitan Member	n/a
Vacant*	Country Urban Member	n/a
Ms Melinda Prinsloo	Country Rural Member	29 October 2024 to 31 August 2027

\*Dr Wendy Giles vacated the Country Urban when appointed to be the Chair.

### Deputy Members

Name	Position	Term
Vacant	Deputy to the Deputy Chair	n/a
Vacant	Deputy Metropolitan Member	n/a
Ms Virginia Miltrup	Deputy Country Urban Member	21 June 2023 to 31 August 2026
Cr Christopher Mitchell	Deputy Country Rural Member	29 October 2024 to 31 August 2027

### Commission officers

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) provides administrative, secretarial and research support to the Commission. During the reporting period, the following officers assisted the Commission:

- Mr Shannon Wood – Manager, Board Governance and Reporting (from November 2024)
- Mrs Taryn Cox – Senior Strategy and Research Officer (acting Manager September to November 2024)
- Mr Nicholas Harmer – Strategy and Research Officer
- Mr Jacob Thomas – Strategy and Research Officer
- Dr Chris Berry – Roads Consultant.

### Former Commission officers

- Ms Haa Truong – Acting Senior Strategy and Research Officer

## Member profiles (as at 31 August 2025)



### **Dr Wendy Giles – Chair (until 31 August 2027)**

Wendy has been a Commission member since 2016. She was a councillor at the City of Bunbury from 2013 to 2017 and again from 2019 to 2023 and has held several directorships on the boards of several local organisations. 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.



### **Mr Luke Stevens – Deputy Chair (until 31 August 2029)**

Luke was employed by the then Department of Local Government and Communities in 2017 and was appointed to the Commission in 2019. Luke is currently a Senior Lawyer within the Industry Regulation and Consumer Protection Legal division in LGIRS and was formerly a member of the Royal Australian Air Force and an employee of WA Police.



### **Ms Melinda Prinsloo – Country Rural Member (until 31 August 2027)**

Melinda has served on the Commission since 2021. She has worked in Local Government for nearly five years as CEO of the Shire of Chittering and Executive Manager of Corporate Services. She has also worked in state government in South Africa for over 16 years and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, a Master of Business Administration Degree and a Diploma in Information Technology.

### **Vacant**

- **Country Urban Member**
- **Metropolitan Member**

## **Commission Deputy Member profiles**

### **Cr Chris Mitchell – Deputy Country Rural Member (until 31 August 2027)**

Chris has served on the council of the Shire of Broome since 1992 and has been its president since October 2023. He was named Broome's Senior Citizen of the year in 2022 for his dedication to local government and volunteer work.

### **Ms Virginia Miltrup – Deputy Country Urban Member (until 31 August 2026)**

Virginia is the Chief Executive Officer at the City of Karratha. She is an experienced executive and company director with expertise in supporting business to adapt to change. Virginia is passionate about applying customer-centric thinking to the improvement of business performance. Since Wendy Giles' appointment to Chair, Virginia has been fulfilling the full duties of the Country Urban member until the role is filled.

### **Vacant**

- **Deputy to the Deputy Chair**
- **Deputy Metropolitan Member**

## **Membership Changes for 2024-25**

The below outlines the Commission member changes throughout this reporting period:

- Dr Wendy Giles was appointed as Chair in November 2024, vacating the role of Country Urban Member in the process.
- The Deputy to the Deputy Chair position is currently vacant following Ms Carmen Chia's resignation from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
- The roles of Metropolitan Member and Deputy Metropolitan Member continue to be subject to an appointment process.

# 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 the final grant schedule of Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grant) 2025-26 on 16 July 2025.

The Western Australian Minister for Local Government, the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, approved the Commission's recommended allocations of FA Grants on 29 July 2025, with the Commonwealth Minister for Local Government, the Hon Kristy McBain MP, confirming her approval of the grant allocations to WA local governments on 5 August 2025.

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 made available on the [LGIRS's website](#).

## Public and special hearings

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth), the Commission conducts public hearings with local governments to explain its operations and receive feedback. These hearings include formal presentations to improve understanding of the grant determination process, allow local governments to informally discuss local issues and make formal submissions (if they wish to) regarding their individual grant determinations and related concerns.

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 local government at least once every five years. These hearings help the Commission better understand of the issues affecting local governments and their capacity to provide services and facilities to their communities.

In addition to scheduled public hearings, local governments may request a special hearing at any time, providing a valuable opportunity to present submissions on urgent matters related to grant determinations.



Image: Norseman Hotel, Shire of Dundas

In 2024-25, the Commission held 31 public hearings across metropolitan and regional WA.

**Table 1: Public hearings in 2024-25**

Region	Local Governments
Goldfields	Menzies, Leonora, Laverton, Ngaanyatjarraku, Coolgardie, Dundas and Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
Murchison Gascoyne	Upper Gascoyne, Murchison, Cue, Meekatharra, Sandstone and Mount Magnet.
Near Eastern Wheatbelt	Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin, Beverley, Brookton, Cuballing and Pingelly.
Mid-West 1	Irwin, Greater Geraldton, Chapman Valley, Northampton, Shark Bay and Carnarvon.
Metropolitan	Victoria Park, Vincent, Bayswater, Belmont and Mundaring.



Image: Shire of Sandstone. L-R: Chair Dr Wendy Giles, Country Rural Member Ms Melinda Prinsloo, and Deputy Chair Mr Luke Stevens.

## 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 fall outside the Commission's scope. These discussions help raise awareness of issues affecting other local governments and allows the Commission to offer guidance and to raise awareness where appropriate.

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

- funding payment timing (advance payments)
- road conditions and maintenance costs
- revenue base limitations
- transient population cost pressure
- climate/cyclones
- medical facility expenses
- accuracy of ABS population data
- socio-economic issues
- housing availability and costs
- staff attraction and retention, and contractor shortages



Image: Gwalia, Shire of Leonora

## Local government submissions

Local governments can highlight disadvantages they face in the provision of local government services through submissions to the Commission.

In the 2024–25 reporting period, the Commission commenced with six active submissions carried over from previous periods. During the year, a further four submissions were received from the Kimberley Regional Group, the Shire of Irwin, the Shire of Chapman Valley, and the Shire of Upper Gascoyne, bringing the total to ten. Of these, eight were successfully resolved by the Commission, reflecting its continued commitment to timely and effective decision-making.

Local governments are formally advised of their submission outcome via a letter. Any successful suggestions made by a local government is implemented in the next appropriate grant determination.

The Commission welcomes feedback or comments on the methodology from local governments at any time. Submissions can be sent to [grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au).

# Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants)

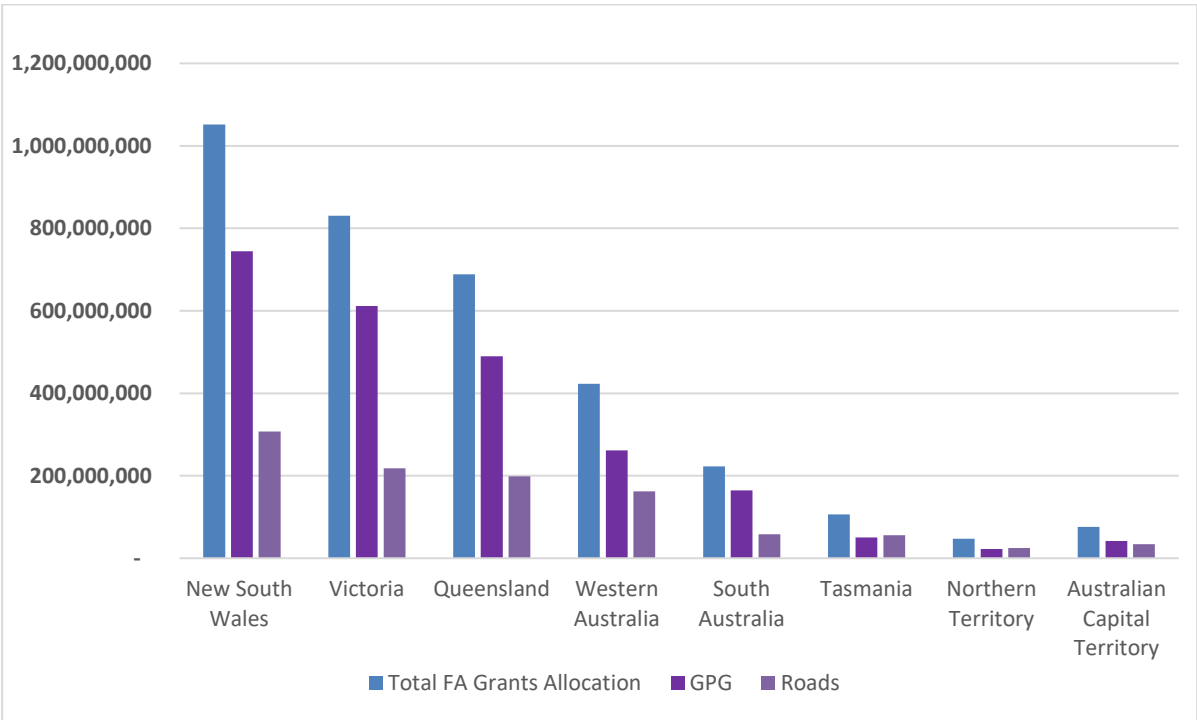
## 2025-26 grant allocations

The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (Cth)*, provides for an annual adjustment to the FA Grants designed to ensure that funding keeps pace with inflation and population changes. These adjustments are calculated using the previous year’s funding pool. The general purpose grant component funding pool is indexed based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population growth, while the local road grant component is adjusted solely by CPI. The legislation also provides for the Commonwealth Treasurer to vary this adjustment if there are special circumstances.

Western Australia’s share of Commonwealth funding for 2025-26 is \$423,375,699, representing 12.29 per cent of the national allocation of \$3,445,617,849. This is compared to the 12.21 per cent of the total funding (\$400,140,692 (pre-adjustment)) for the 2024-25 FA Grants.

After Commonwealth adjustments, the total 2025-26 FA Grant allocation is \$423,035,721, representing 12.28 per cent of the national allocation of \$3,443,937,507. Western Australia’s share consists of \$261,190,698 for the general purpose funding and \$161,845,023 for the local roads funding and special projects.

**Figure 1. National distribution of Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26**



**Table 2: 2025-26 general purpose and road funding by state**

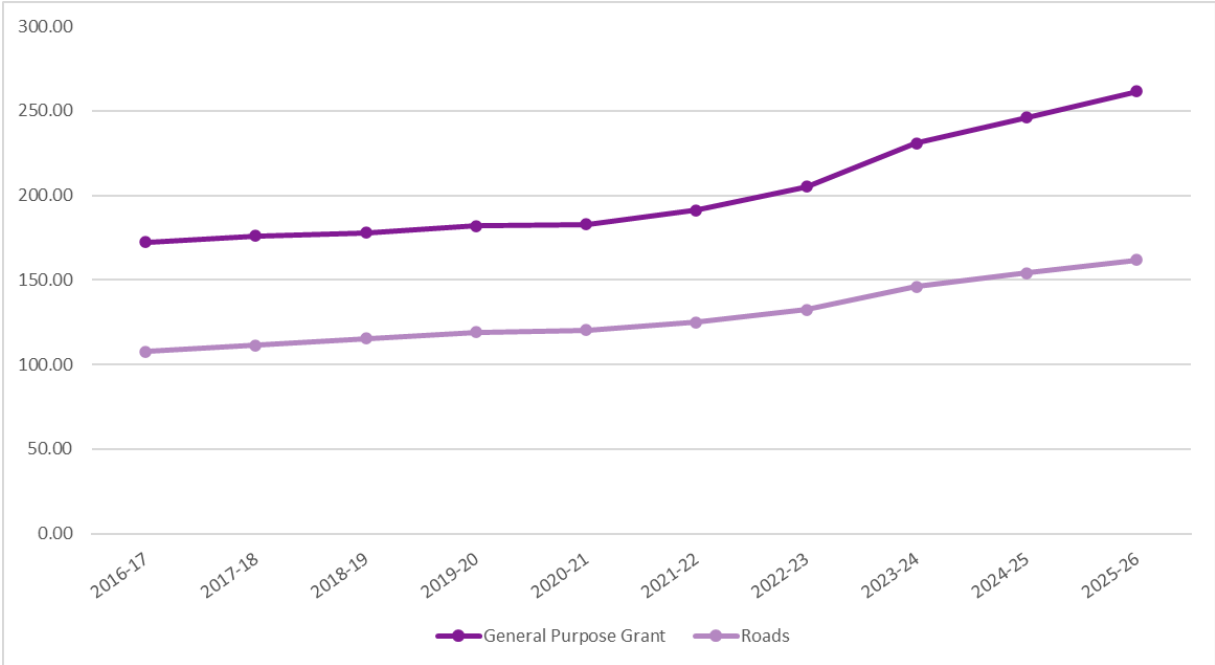
State	General purpose %	Local roads %
New South Wales	31.19	29.01
Victoria	25.64	20.62
Queensland	20.53	18.74
Western Australia	10.95	15.29
South Australia	6.89	5.50
Tasmania	2.10	5.30
Northern Territory	0.94	2.34
Australian Capital Territory	1.75	3.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>100*</b>	<b>100*</b>

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

The final cash amount of Financial Assistance Grants (FA grants) to be distributed for 2025–26 is \$423,035,721—an increase of \$23,002,740 compared to the previous year. This reflects negative adjustments of \$261,013 and \$78,965 to Western Australia’s 2025–26 general purpose and road grant components, respectively.

This year’s cash amount available for distribution to Western Australian local governments includes an increase of \$15,633,690 for general purpose grants and \$7,369,050 for local roads and special projects

**Figure 2. Commonwealth funding allocated to Western Australia 2016-17 to 2025-26**



The Commission determines the equalisation need for general purpose grant funding by assessing each local government’s ability to raise revenue and the level of spending required to provide a consistent standard of services across WA. This ensures funding is distributed fairly, supporting councils that may have lower income or higher service delivery costs so all communities can access similar public services.

The total general purpose grant funding received by the State is commonly less than the total equalisation needs calculated by the Commission. In 2025-26, the general purpose grant funding received by the State allowed for 75.39 per cent of the calculated grant need to be paid to local governments. Local governments assessed as minimum grant recipients had their grant calculated on a per capita basis in accordance with the minimum grant principle under the Cth Act. Further detail on these calculations is provided later.

### **Advance payment of 2025-26**

In June 2025, WA received an advance payment of approximately 50 per cent of the 2025–26 FA Grant funding pool from the Commonwealth Government, totalling \$211,793,904. This early payment for distribution helped councils begin planning and delivering essential services ahead of the full annual allocation.

The 50 per cent advance payment to Western Australia was significantly lower than last year's 85 per cent upfront allocation. The \$211,793,904 advance consisted of \$130,665,199 in general purpose grants and \$81,128,705 in local road grants. The remaining \$211,241,817 will be paid through four quarterly payments in the 2025-26 financial year.

While the State received roughly 50 per cent of the total allocation, the method used to calculate the advance—based largely on 2024–25 entitlements rather than the Commission's updated 2025–26 calculations—means that individual local governments may receive more or less than 50 per cent of their final entitlement in the advance.

Additionally, to address historical overpayments and prevent further overpayments, six local governments had relativities equivalent to the minimum grant applied to their advance payment. This was agreed with the Commonwealth Government. Further information is provided below.

### **Redress of historical FA Grant overpayments in 2023-24 and 2024-25**

During this year's grant calculations, the Commission approved a structured method to recover previous overpayments and underpayments caused by the 100 per cent advance payments in 2023-24 and 85 per cent in 2024-25.

To assist with this process, during the determination of the 2025-26 advance payment allocations, several local governments received a lower advance payment, equivalent to the minimum grant, to avoid further overpayment. These included the Shire of Ashburton, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Shire of Broome, Shire of Chapman Valley, Shire of Denmark and Shire of Leonora which had been previously significantly overpaid. Where these local governments were not subsequently assessed as minimum grant recipients, they received a larger payment through the 2025-26 quarterly payments to ensure they receive their full calculated entitlement.

In finalising the 2025-26 grant determinations, the Commission recouped other overpayments from all eligible local governments by reducing the 2024-25 and 2025-26 grant allocations. These funds were redistributed proportionately to local governments that had previously been underpaid. It is acknowledged that full reconciliation of funds is not achievable under the legislation, as funding cannot be clawed below the minimum grant principle threshold.

As a result of this process, all local governments have now been returned to a zero balance with no further adjustments to be made.

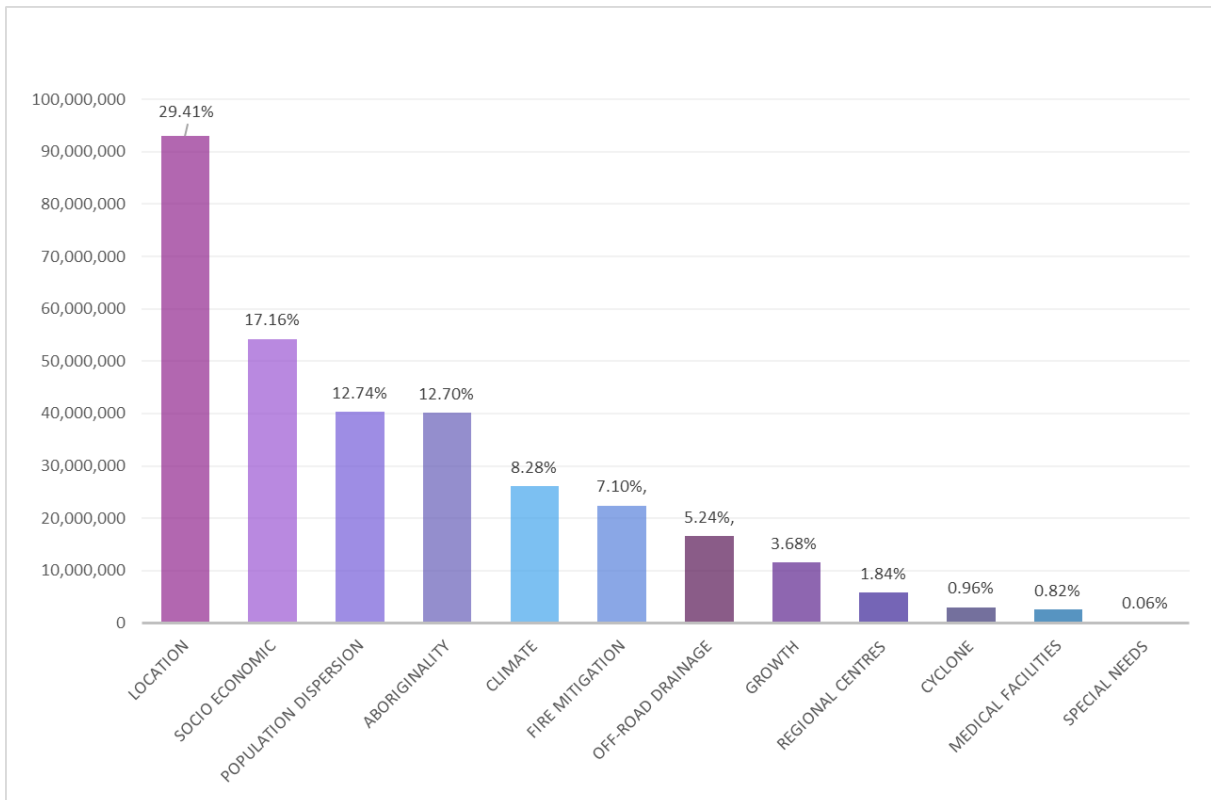
## Methodology

Each year the Commission updates its model using data provided by local governments and external sources. It also undertakes annual reviews of the revenue standards, expenditure standards and targeted reviews of the cost adjustors.

These reviews are informed by research and discussions held during the visiting programs. A copy of the calculations and methodology used is available on the Commission's [website](#).

In 2025-26, the Commission determined the total value of the cost adjustors below. It should be noted that the total value is also influenced by the number of councils receiving each adjustor. For example, 106 local governments received the location adjustor, compared to 81 for the socio-economic adjustor, which influenced the total value allocated.

**Figure 3. Cost adjustor allocation for Financial Assistance Grants 2025-26**



**Table 3: 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	2,222,368	92,967,115	877,048
Socio-economic disadvantage	81	Swan*	2,508,148	54,236,068	669,581
Population dispersion	60	Harvey	2,670,082	40,282,782	671,380
Climate	87	Greater Geraldton	1,903,805	26,190,711	301,043
Aboriginality Part 1	97	Derby-West Kimberley	1,272,864	24,018,829	247,617
Aboriginality Part 2	18	Derby-West Kimberley	2,724,768	13,142,004	730,111
Fire mitigation	92	Swan*	3,286,610	22,455,196	244,078
Off-road drainage	127	Gosnells*	1,031,267	16,556,885	130,369
Growth	46	Wanneroo*	1,465,097	11,622,014	252,652
Regional centres	18	Perth*	796,674	5,811,007	322,834
Cyclone	19	Karratha	315,022	3,048,427	160,444
Medical facilities	54	Various	109,000	2,596,491	48,083
Special needs	2	Murchison	120,000	200,000	100,000

\* Minimum grant local government

## Minimum grants

Under section 9 of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth), every local government is entitled to at least the minimum general purpose grant. This minimum allocation must be no less than the amount the local government would receive if 30 per cent of the State's total general purpose grant entitlement for the year were distributed among all local governing bodies in the State or Territory on a per capita basis.

In 2025-26, 35 of the 137 local governments in Western Australia received the minimum grant entitlement, which equated to \$26.45 per capita. This was an increase from 2024-25, when local governments received \$25.63 per capita.

In Western Australia, the local governments receiving the minimum grant accounted for \$61,055,719 (23.35 per cent) of the total general purpose funding pool, while comprising 77.84 per cent (2,308,074) of the State's population.

### 2025-26 Minimum Grant Local Governments

- Ashburton
- Augusta-Margaret River
- Bassendean
- Bayswater
- Belmont
- Boddington
- Bunbury
- Busselton
- Cambridge
- Canning
- Claremont
- Cockburn
- Cottesloe
- Denmark
- 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 2025-26

The Commission calculates the allocation of the general purpose grants each year in accordance with the Commonwealth National Principles. For 2025-26, 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.

The Commission made several methodology changes through the reporting period in response to concerns raised by local governments and insights from Commission and staff discussions. These updates have been incorporated into the 2025–26 grant determinations to improve the fairness and accuracy of funding allocations. As part of this process, the data sets and information used to inform state averages were reviewed and updated to reflect current conditions across Western Australia. Additionally, the criteria for cost adjustors were refined to better capture variations in service delivery costs among local governments, supporting a more equitable distribution of grant funding.



*Image: Kalgoorlie Clock Tower, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.*

### Revenue standards

Revenue standards are mathematical formulas 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 to assess relationships between variables which assists informed decision making.

#### Residential, commercial and industrial rates

The Commission approved the recommendation to use a residential commercial and industrial (RCI) regression formula using weightings of 36.51 per cent on the number of properties and 63.49 per cent on valuations.

Assessed RCI rates =  $\$731.27 \times \text{number of properties} + 0.047 \times \text{valuations}$ .

## **Agricultural rates**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the agricultural standard model weightings of 30.27 per cent on the number of properties, 39.27 per cent on valuations and 30.45 per cent on area.

Assessed Agricultural Rates = \$1,248.95 x number of properties + 0.0023 x valuations + 3.54 x area.

## **Pastoral rates**

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the regression formula for the pastoral standard using weightings of 90 per cent on valuations and 10 per cent on area.

Assessed pastoral rates = 0.06823 x valuations + 0.00932 x area (hectares).

## **Mining rates**

A review of the mining rates was undertaken, considering statistical scores to identify outliers due to the significantly above average mining revenue capacity of a handful of local governments.

Local governments identified as outliers were removed from the general formula applied to the majority of the State and had an extraordinary mining standard applied to them. These local governments include the Shire of East Pilbara, Shire of Ashburton and Town of Port Hedland.

The Commission approved the mining standard formula utilising weightings of 1.02 per cent on area, 98.96 per cent on valuation and 0.02 per cent on number of properties. Adjusted formulas were used for East Pilbara, Port Hedland and Ashburton to reflect their significantly higher rating capacity.

Formula for all local governments excluding Port Hedland, Ashburton and East Pilbara:

$0.0113 \times \text{area} + 0.1792 \times \text{valuations} + 0.7426 \times \text{number of properties}$ .

Formula for East Pilbara:

$0.0126 \times \text{area} + 0.1998 \times \text{valuations} + 0.8662 \times \text{valuations}$

Formula for Port Hedland and Ashburton:

$0.0237 \times \text{area} + 0.369 \times \text{valuations} + 1.650 \times \text{number of properties}$ .

## **Investment income**

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

Assessed investment revenue = population x \$41.82.

## **Expenditure standards**

Expenditure standards are used to estimate the cost for each local government to deliver a consistent level of services across the state. These standards reflect the average service delivery cost and are adjusted to account for local conditions.

The Commission calculates the following expenditure standards:

- recreation and culture
- governance
- community amenities
- education, health and welfare

- law, order and public safety; and
- transport.

Expenditure standards are informed by state averages and adjusted using cost adjustors to reflect differences in expenditure need caused by factors such as location, population dispersion, and service demand. These adjustments help ensure that funding allocations reflect the true cost of service delivery in each local government area.

### **Recreation and culture**

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

Assessed recreation and culture expenditure = \$327.44 x population + cost adjustors.

### **Governance**

In 2025–26, a fixed cost component was introduced into the Governance standard to account for CEO salaries, recognising this as a consistent and significant expense across all councils. This figure was based on the bottom end of the Salaries and Allowances tribunal determination for local government CEO salaries. The bottom end was used to reflect that decisions to provide a higher salary are driven by policy decisions of council.

Assessed governance expenditure = fixed component + \$178.22 x number of ratable assessments + cost adjustors.

### **Community amenities**

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

Assessed community amenities expenditure = \$168.35 x number of ratable assessments + cost adjustors.

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

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

Assessed education, health and welfare expenditure = \$48.76 x population + cost adjustors.

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

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

Assessed law, order and public safety expenditure = \$76.45 x number of ratable assessments + cost adjustors.

### **Transport**

The transport standard figures used were those approved as presented to the Commission Meeting on 4 June 2025. The final formula was factored back transport needs – road preservation grants. Due to the complexity of the model, more information is available on request from the Commission.

## Cost adjustors

Each year, the Commission updates the indicator data used in the cost adjustors to ensure that calculations are accurate and equitable. For the cost adjustors listed below, significant updates were made for the 2025-26 calculations.

### Location

For the 2025–26 grant determinations, the Commission reviewed the Location cost adjustor to address concerns raised by remote local governments, including the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, which argued that the existing weightings of 60% on remoteness (ARIA+) and 40% on population, disadvantaged small, remote councils with limited revenue capacity but equal legislative responsibilities.

The Commission considered several different component weightings within the model. It was noted that models which offered greater support to remote councils reduced funding for mid-sized local governments. As a result, the Commission approved a revised weighting of 70% on remoteness and 30% weighting on population. This option recognised the need for greater recognition for highly remote and less populous local governments.

This adjustment moderately improves funding equity for remote councils while maintaining a balanced approach that avoids major disruptions to larger and more populous local governments across the State.

### Population Dispersion

The Population Dispersion cost adjustor is designed to support local governments that face the added challenge of servicing multiple townsites spread across their jurisdiction and the increased cost burden associated with delivering services to geographically dispersed communities.

To be eligible, a townsite must have identifiable infrastructure such as a main street, community facilities, and dwellings while meeting two key criteria: it must be located more than 25 km from the local government’s administration centre and have a population greater than 50, capped at 2,000 residents.

The calculation applies a three-part weighting:

- 25% based on the number of qualifying townsites relative to all local governments,
- 50% based on the total population of those townsites,
- and 25% based on the townsite population compared to the population of the administration centre.

Historically, only townsites meeting both the distance and population thresholds are included in the calculation, ensuring that funding is more equitably distributed to councils with dispersed populations and greater service delivery demands.

The Commission conducted a thorough review of currently recognised townsites and several that were not currently recognised. This resulted in the recognition of several additional townsites. The Commission has also provided discretionary recognition for a handful of townsites previously not included as they did not meet distance criteria.

A previous Commission determined not to include Aboriginal townsites in the Population Dispersion cost adjustor, noting many local governments were receiving allocations for communities that they were not providing services to (with State and Federal Government providing services and/or funding). When removed, the funding for any communities recognised at that time had been reallocated through the Commission's Aboriginality cost adjustor.

Following the most recent review, the Commission has decided to reinclude Aboriginal townsites in the Population Dispersion cost adjustor where a local government can demonstrate it is providing services to communities that are equivalent to other local governments townsites. This resulted in the consideration of 32 Aboriginal Communities with six of these ultimately being included. Excluded communities did not meet the required criteria for recognition in the cost adjustor.

## **Aboriginality Part 2**

In 2024, the Commission conducted regional visits to local governments in the Kimberley, Goldfields, and Murchison regions. Many of these local governments demonstrated high Aboriginal populations and low socio-economic conditions (in addition to widely dispersed communities) which created ongoing service delivery challenges.

These visits helped inform the development of a second part to the existing Aboriginality cost adjustor, designed to support horizontal equalisation, ensuring that all local governments can operate at a standard not lower than the State average. The revision also aligns with National Principles by recognising the distinct needs of Aboriginal communities and addressing disparities in expenditure requirements and revenue-raising capacity.

To refine eligibility, the Commission adopted a model using a SEIFA score threshold of below 950 and where a local governments Aboriginal population as a proportion of their total population, exceeded 16%. It was agreed that local governments with a population exceeding 15,000 residents be excluded in recognition that the local governments are larger and more financially independent.

The model applies a weighting of 60% on the State Aboriginal population share and 40% on the Aboriginal population relative to the local governments' population, consistent with the existing Aboriginality adjustor. After assessing various alternatives, this targeted approach was selected for its ability to better capture the unique circumstances of remote communities. As a result, 18 local governments are now assessed under this expanded framework, enhancing equity in resource distribution across the State.

The recognised local government areas are Carnarvon, Cue, Derby-West Kimberley, Dundas, East Pilbara, Halls Creek, Laverton, Leonora, Meekatharra, Menzies, Morawa, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Ngaanyatjarraku, Upper Gascoyne, Wiluna, Wyndham-East Kimberley and Yalgoo.

## **Cyclone**

In 2025–26, the Cyclone cost adjustor was updated to better support local governments facing cyclone-related expenses such as clean-up, planning, and insurance prior to a cyclone. Ratings were revised using updated wind region classifications from AS1170.2:2021 and the National Construction Code 2022, including the addition of Wind Region B2. This expanded eligibility from 11 to 20 councils, increasing the total Cyclone Rating from 24 to 33 and extending population coverage from 109,473 to 161,480.

Wind regions are scored as follows:

- Region D: 3 points
- Region C: 2 points
- Region B2: 1 point

The weighting remains 80 per cent cyclone rating and 20 per cent population.

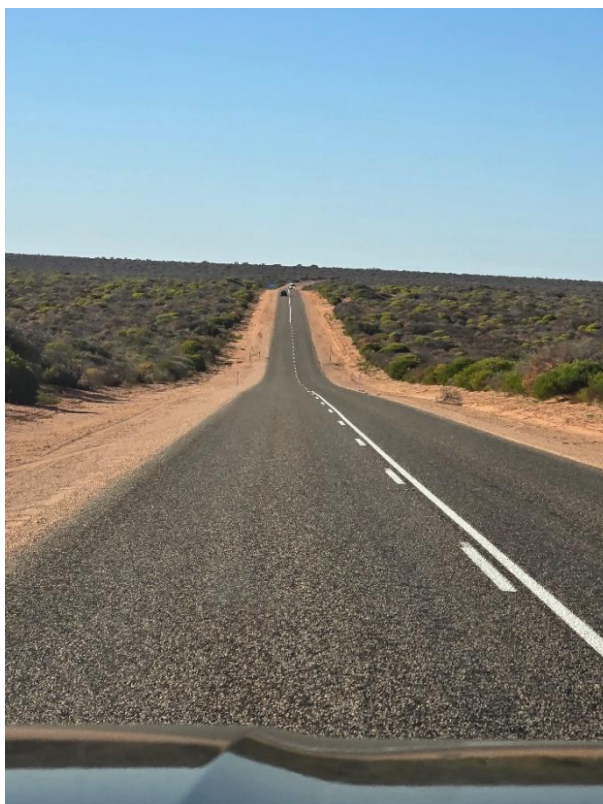
Adjustments included the removal of Halls Creek (due to its landlocked status and lack of cyclone rating), a rating reduction for East Pilbara, and an increase for Shark Bay. To accommodate the broader eligibility, cyclone funding was increased to \$2.83 million (up from \$2.13 million).

### **Medical Facilities**

The Medical Facilities cost adjustor continues to provide targeted recognition for local governments that support medical professionals, including doctors and nurse practitioners.

The Commission approved indexing this cost adjustor each year by the same amount as that of total expenditure. The cap for 2025-26 is \$109,000.

## Local road funding



*Image: Newly painted road lines on Shark Bay Road, Shire of Shark Bay*

The Commission calculates the road grant allocations using the updated Asset Preservation Model (APM) which was originally developed in 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 2025-26, Western Australia received \$161,923,988 of the total national local road funding pool of \$1,059,008,713 representing 15.29 per cent of the national total.

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. Of this, one-third is allocated to roads servicing remote Aboriginal communities, and two-thirds is allocated to bridges. Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) contributes one-third of the cost of projects funded under this program.

The amounts involved for 2025-26 are:

Roads servicing remote Aboriginal communities	\$3,786,006
Bridges	\$7,572,013
Distributed according to the APM	\$150,565,969
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$161,923,988</b>

## Special projects: bridges

The Commission's policy for allocating funds for bridges recognises that many local government bridges 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 2025-26, the funds for the preservation of bridges are:

Special project funds from the Commission	\$7,572,013
State funds from MRWA	\$ 3,786,006
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,358,019</b>

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

Membership of the committee includes representatives from:

- Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission (Chair)
- Western Australian Local Government Association
- MRWA
- Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety.

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

The Commission thanks Main Roads Western Australia for their ongoing assistance with the Bridge program.

**Table 4: Bridge project grants 2025-26**

Local government	Road name	2025-26 allocations (\$)
Beverley	York-Williams Road	498,000
Beverley	Vincent Street	328,000
Beverley	Westdale Road	154,000
Beverley	Luptons Road	362,000
Boyup Brook	Boyup Brook-Cranbrook Road	388,000
Canning	Fern Road	104,000
Cockburn	Maraboo Wharf	240,000
Cranbrook	Boyup Brook – Cranbrook Road	376,000
Gosnells	Royal Street	794,000
Harvey	Wellesley Road North	956,000
Joondalup	Connolly Drive	33,333
Mundaring	Falls Road	562,000
Mundaring	Bailup Road	526,000
Murray	Lakes Road	500,000
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	Hopeland Road	80,000
Swan	Reserve Road	66,667
Wandering	Wandering-Pingelly Road	376,016
Wanneroo	Hester Avenue	40,000
Waroona	Lake Clifton Road	514,000
West Arthur	Arthur River – Dinninup Road	674,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,572,013</b>

## Special projects: access roads servicing remote Aboriginal communities

In 2025-26 the special projects funds for Aboriginal access roads are:

Special project funds from the Commission	\$3,786,006
State funds from MRWA	\$1,893,003
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,679,009</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.

The committee includes representatives from:

- 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, Industry Regulation and Safety.

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
- the availability of alternative access

These criteria have provided a rational and consistent 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 2025-26**

Local government	Road	2025-26 allocations (\$)
Derby-West Kimberley	Calwinyardah Noonkanbah	166,667
	Cherrabun	66,667
	Christmas Creek	66,667
	Fossil Downs	80,000
	GNH Gee Gully	80,000
East Pilbara	Desert Road	324,673
	Kunawarritji	324,667
	Punmu	300,000
Halls Creek	Gordon Downs	90,000
	Tanami	166,667
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Cutline Road	333,333
Laverton	Old Laverton (Mt Margaret)	166,667
Menzies	Tjuntjuntjarra	333,333
Ngaanyatjarraku	Great Central	113,333
	Irrunytju (Giles Mulga Park)	126,667
	Kanpa	46,667
	Mantamaru (Jameson Wanarn)	26,667
	Papulankutja (Warburton Blackstone)	220,000
	Tjirrkarli	53,333
	Tjukurla	53,333
Port Hedland	Yandeyarra	53,333
Upper Gascoyne	Landor Mt Augustus	233,333
Wyndham-East Kimberley	Gibb River Kalumburu	360,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,786,006</b>

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

In 2025-26, \$150,565,969 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.

Total assessed asset preservation needs for the local government road network increased by 16% from \$1,166.1m in 2024-25 to \$1,352.4m in 2025-26, reflecting both increased road inventory and significantly increased costs.

Accurate road costs underpin the reliability of the APM, which is used for allocating the Commonwealth FA 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.

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

A review of road costs used in the APM was undertaken in 2024 and the revised costs were applied in the APM for 2025-26.

Based on data provided by local governments, the cost review concluded there had been an increase in costs of 53.6% (state average), and 40% for metropolitan local governments since the last review in 2019. These increases were consistent with industry reports of rising costs.

The Commission resolved in November 2024 that a cost escalation factor of 40% be applied to metropolitan local governments and that a cost escalation factor of 53.6% be applied to non-metropolitan local governments in the APM from the 2025-26 road grant calculations.

As a result of this different cost escalation factor:

- Most metropolitan local governments have a road grant reduction in 2025-26 of around 3.8%
- Most non-metropolitan local governments have a road grant increase in 2025-26 of around 7.5%.

**Table 6: Schedule of general purpose grants**

Local Government	2024-25 final general purpose grant (\$)	2025-26 final general purpose grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Under + over adjustments for 2025-26 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for 2025-26 (\$)
Albany	3,554,000	3,372,486	-5.11	1,914,058	-3,769	-	1,454,659
Armadale	3,409,480	4,097,498	20.18	1,836,225	-3,616	-	2,257,657
Ashburton	1,982,823	216,360	-89.09	111,467	-2,103	-	102,790
Augusta Margaret River	555,228	513,455	-7.52	256,998	-589	-	255,868
Bassendean	433,469	453,538	4.63	233,451	-460	1,851	221,478
Bayswater	1,903,710	2,009,933	5.58	1,025,271	-2,019	10,724	993,367
Belmont	1,178,264	1,253,269	6.37	634,571	-1,250	-	617,448
Beverley	761,638	756,043	-0.73	410,191	-808	-	345,044
Boddington	45,771	47,827	4.49	24,651	-49	-	23,127
Boyup Brook	969,624	944,940	-2.55	522,205	-1,028	-	421,707
Bridgetown Greenbushes	1,021,756	1,132,089	10.80	550,281	-1,084	-89,210	491,514
Brookton	984,368	1,017,347	3.35	530,146	-1,044	-	486,157
Broome	1,519,974	1,236,514	-18.65	256,873	-1,612	-116,477	861,552
Broomehill-Tambellup	1,183,812	1,278,090	7.96	637,559	-1,255	-	639,276
Bruce Rock	2,040,567	2,272,726	11.38	1,098,977	-2,164	-	1,171,585
Bunbury	891,027	930,461	4.43	479,875	-945	34,095	483,736
Busselton	1,126,829	1,190,469	5.65	606,870	-1,195	106,956	689,360
Cambridge	797,870	846,658	6.11	429,704	-846	9,814	425,922
Canning	2,657,372	2,829,001	6.46	1,431,166	-2,818	20,621	1,415,638
Capel	2,131,798	2,322,548	8.95	1,148,111	-2,261	-	1,172,176
Carnamah	1,282,638	1,482,561	15.59	690,783	-1,360	-	790,418
Carnarvon	4,675,607	5,130,272	9.72	2,518,116	-4,958	-	2,607,198

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Chapman Valley	425,616	303,432	-28.71	22,953	-451	-27,835	252,193
Chittering	1,449,802	1,616,773	11.52	780,812	-1,537	-	834,424
Claremont	312,095	335,187	7.40	168,083	-331	-	166,773
Cockburn	3,338,841	3,575,110	7.08	1,798,181	-3,541	35,419	1,808,807
Collie	1,868,369	2,056,220	10.05	1,006,237	-1,981	-	1,048,002
Coolgardie	601,119	602,221	0.18	323,741	-637	-	277,843
Coorow	1,826,871	1,915,550	4.85	983,888	-1,937	-	929,725
Corrigin	1,524,067	1,593,925	4.58	820,808	-1,616	-	771,501
Cottesloe	222,834	237,205	6.45	120,010	-236	-	116,959
Cranbrook	1,113,571	1,138,202	2.21	599,730	-1,181	-	537,291
Cuballing	658,456	705,702	7.18	354,621	-698	-	350,383
Cue	2,080,252	2,368,934	13.88	1,120,350	-2,206	-	1,246,378
Cunderdin	1,210,722	1,297,513	7.17	652,052	-1,284	-	644,177
Dalwallinu	2,483,535	2,611,530	5.15	1,337,544	-2,634	-	1,271,352
Dandaragan	1,057,053	913,107	-13.62	569,291	-1,121	-	342,695
Dardanup	887,830	870,258	-1.98	478,154	-942	-2,860	388,302
Denmark	230,186	177,421	-22.92	91,343	-244	-	85,834
Derby-West Kimberley	6,383,316	7,214,449	13.02	3,437,827	-6,769	-	3,769,853
Donnybrook-Balingup	1,477,202	1,447,175	-2.03	795,568	-1,567	-	650,040
Dowerin	1,055,293	1,023,531	-3.01	568,343	-1,119	-	454,069
Dumbleyung	1,407,042	1,477,575	5.01	757,783	-1,492	-	718,300
Dundas	1,452,350	1,631,602	12.34	782,184	-1,540	-	847,878
East Fremantle	210,712	221,174	4.97	113,482	-223	-	107,469
East Pilbara	3,819,341	3,833,212	0.36	2,056,961	-4,050	-	1,772,201
Esperance	3,794,493	3,464,326	-8.70	2,043,579	-4,024	-	1,416,723
Exmouth	1,693,364	1,903,270	12.40	911,986	-1,796	-	989,488

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Fremantle	900,997	961,544	6.72	485,245	-955	-	475,344
Gingin	1,354,362	1,402,757	3.57	729,411	-1,436	-	671,910
Gnowangerup	1,120,890	1,114,453	-0.57	603,672	-1,189	-	509,592
Goomalling	470,223	356,942	-24.09	253,245	-499	-	103,198
Gosnells	3,520,107	3,737,268	6.17	1,895,804	-3,733	-	1,837,731
Greater Geraldton	6,101,224	6,828,459	11.92	3,285,902	-6,470	-	3,536,087
Halls Creek	4,386,018	4,830,596	10.14	2,362,153	-4,651	-	2,463,792
Harvey	3,124,232	3,495,064	11.87	1,682,600	-3,313	-	1,809,151
Irwin	360,057	415,250	15.33	193,914	-382	-	220,954
Jerramungup	1,017,500	1,046,957	2.90	547,989	-1,079	-	497,889
Joondalup	4,347,936	4,588,793	5.54	2,341,644	-4,611	-	2,242,538
Kalamunda	1,606,094	1,688,422	5.13	864,985	-1,703	-	821,734
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,884,145	1,748,156	-7.22	1,014,734	-1,998	-	731,424
Karratha	2,326,939	2,530,696	8.76	1,253,207	-2,468	-	1,275,021
Katanning	2,258,361	2,496,031	10.52	1,216,273	-2,395	-	1,277,363
Kellerberrin	1,940,044	2,065,527	6.47	1,044,839	-2,057	-	1,018,631
Kent	1,461,334	1,538,062	5.25	787,023	-1,550	-	749,489
Kojonup	772,552	681,692	-11.76	416,069	-819	-	264,804
Kondinin	1,843,824	2,001,923	8.57	993,018	-1,955	-	1,006,950
Koorda	1,577,800	1,692,044	7.24	849,747	-1,673	-	840,624
Kulin	1,828,569	1,961,949	7.29	984,802	-1,939	-	975,208
Kwinana	1,335,285	1,446,244	8.31	719,137	-1,416	2,171	727,862
Lake Grace	2,078,232	2,151,641	3.53	1,119,262	-2,204	-	1,030,175
Laverton	2,159,197	2,388,338	10.61	1,162,867	-2,290	-	1,223,181
Leonora	218,045	166,104	-23.82	23,905	-231	-119,945	22,023
Mandurah	2,544,123	2,722,606	7.02	1,370,174	-2,698	-	1,349,734

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Manjimup	3,155,387	3,265,652	3.49	1,699,379	-3,346	-	1,562,927
Meekatharra	3,497,744	4,142,206	18.43	1,883,761	-3,709	-	2,254,736
Melville	2,829,976	2,999,888	6.00	1,524,124	-3,001	-	1,472,763
Menzies	1,670,835	1,850,864	10.77	899,852	-1,772	-	949,240
Merredin	2,116,617	2,186,176	3.29	1,139,935	-2,245	-	1,043,996
Mingenew	426,087	436,086	2.35	229,475	-452	-	206,159
Moora	1,213,526	1,208,301	-0.43	653,562	-1,287	-	553,452
Morawa	1,523,978	1,721,314	12.95	820,760	-1,616	-	898,938
Mosman Park	257,098	271,964	5.78	138,464	-273	-	133,227
Mount Magnet	2,090,470	2,445,470	16.98	1,125,853	-2,217	-	1,317,400
Mount Marshall	1,915,713	2,002,983	4.56	1,031,735	-2,032	-	969,216
Mukinbudin	1,311,697	1,443,405	10.04	706,433	-1,391	-	735,581
Mundaring	1,993,863	1,976,381	-0.88	1,073,824	-2,114	-	900,443
Murchison	3,888,280	4,422,802	13.75	2,094,089	-4,123	-	2,324,590
Murray	1,439,800	1,641,700	14.02	775,425	-1,527	-	864,748
Nannup	1,078,803	1,112,032	3.08	581,005	-1,144	-	529,883
Narembeen	1,601,549	1,730,086	8.03	862,537	-1,698	-	865,851
Narrogin	1,703,060	1,761,019	3.40	917,208	-1,806	-	842,005
Nedlands	618,322	664,079	7.40	333,006	-656	-	330,417
Ngaanyatjarraku	4,549,260	4,938,650	8.56	2,450,070	-4,824	-	2,483,756
Northam	3,146,080	3,506,175	11.45	1,694,367	-3,336	-	1,808,472
Northampton	1,782,758	1,972,003	10.62	960,130	-1,891	-	1,009,982
Nungarin	1,226,875	1,316,012	7.27	660,751	-1,301	-	653,960
Peppermint Grove	44,490	47,139	5.95	23,961	-47	-	23,131
Perenjori	1,706,855	1,812,924	6.21	919,251	-1,810	-	891,863
Perth	842,027	915,912	8.77	453,486	-893	-	461,533

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Pingelly	1,306,046	1,472,623	12.75	703,390	-1,385	-	767,848
Plantagenet	1,565,011	1,523,618	-2.64	842,859	-1,660	-	679,099
Port Hedland	442,003	461,554	4.42	238,047	-469	-	223,038
Quairading	1,590,976	1,628,141	2.34	856,843	-1,687	-	769,611
Ravensthorpe	1,422,330	1,415,986	-0.45	766,016	-1,508	-	648,462
Rockingham	3,813,981	4,077,270	6.90	2,054,075	-4,045	-	2,019,150
Sandstone	2,047,774	2,299,701	12.30	1,102,858	-2,172	-	1,194,671
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,891,208	2,227,356	17.77	1,018,537	-2,006	-	1,206,813
Shark Bay	1,803,294	2,073,982	15.01	971,190	-1,912	-	1,100,880
South Perth	1,196,844	1,267,342	5.89	644,578	-1,269	-	621,495
Stirling	6,249,878	6,609,890	5.76	3,365,962	-6,628	126,970	3,364,270
Subiaco	483,597	514,566	6.40	260,448	-513	2,243	255,848
Swan	4,397,423	4,740,581	7.80	2,368,296	-4,663	-	2,367,622
Tammin	998,041	1,080,146	8.23	537,509	-1,058	-	541,579
Three Springs	972,328	1,053,819	8.38	523,661	-1,031	-	529,127
Toodyay	1,052,262	1,164,833	10.70	566,711	-1,116	-	597,006
Trayning	1,768,096	1,975,660	11.74	952,234	-1,875	-	1,021,551
Upper Gascoyne	4,286,074	4,855,235	13.28	2,308,327	-4,545	-	2,542,363
Victoria Park	1,045,158	1,120,342	7.19	562,887	-1,108	5,463	561,810
Victoria Plains	775,298	803,838	3.68	417,548	-822	-	385,468
Vincent	1,028,316	1,097,248	6.70	553,814	-1,090	-	542,344
Wagin	1,264,297	1,370,244	8.38	680,905	-1,341	-	687,998
Wandering	330,428	305,109	-7.66	177,957	-350	-	126,802
Wanneroo	5,879,992	6,285,998	6.90	3,166,755	-6,236	-	3,113,007
Waroona	1,123,376	1,214,076	8.07	605,010	-1,191	-	607,875
West Arthur	744,354	729,946	-1.94	400,883	-789	-	328,274

Local Government	2024-25 final general purpose grant (\$)	2025-26 final general purpose grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Under + over adjustments for 2025-26 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for 2025-26 (\$)
Westonia	1,189,661	1,315,372	10.57	640,709	-1,262	-	673,401
Wickepin	1,156,523	1,233,670	6.67	622,862	-1,226	-	609,582
Williams	400,812	398,933	-0.47	215,863	-425	-	182,645
Wiluna	2,359,459	2,477,480	5.00	1,270,721	-2,502	-	1,204,257
Wongan-Ballidu	1,715,089	1,785,728	4.12	923,686	-1,819	-	860,223
Woodanilling	668,043	744,462	11.44	359,784	-708	-	383,970
Wyalkatchem	1,702,420	1,903,297	11.80	916,863	-1,805	-	984,629
Wyndham-East Kimberley	3,537,782	4,138,019	16.97	1,905,324	-3,752	-	2,228,943
Yalgoo	2,210,848	2,474,476	11.92	1,190,684	-2,345	-	1,281,447
Yilgarn	2,634,513	2,620,344	-0.54	1,418,855	-2,794	-	1,198,695
York	1,216,984	1,273,396	4.64	655,424	-1,291	-	616,681
<b>Total</b>	<b>246,131,716</b>	<b>261,451,711</b>		<b>130,665,199</b>	<b>-261,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,525,499</b>

**Table 7: Schedule of local road funding (excludes special projects)**

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Albany	2,358,086	2,515,000	6.65	1,336,521	-1,300	1,177,179
Armadale	2,060,596	1,981,913	-3.82	1,167,839	-1,136	812,938
Ashburton	1,090,949	1,171,197	7.36	618,340	-601	552,256
Augusta Margaret River	1,305,385	1,391,245	6.58	739,867	-720	650,658
Bassendean	281,268	270,840	-3.71	159,413	-155	111,272
Bayswater	1,051,026	1,010,530	-3.85	595,686	-579	414,265
Belmont	717,526	690,026	-3.83	406,673	-396	282,957
Beverley	668,671	717,991	7.38	378,961	-369	338,661
Boddington	297,843	321,502	7.94	168,798	-164	152,540
Boyup Brook	869,334	938,316	7.94	492,718	-479	445,119
Bridgetown Greenbushes	855,916	920,669	7.57	485,116	-472	435,081
Brookton	460,206	496,683	7.93	260,832	-254	235,597
Broome	705,535	763,989	8.29	399,879	-389	363,721
Broomehill-Tambellup	838,994	906,862	8.09	475,520	-462	430,880
Bruce Rock	1,038,021	1,114,953	7.41	588,325	-572	526,056
Bunbury	1,184,777	1,271,962	7.36	671,476	-653	599,833
Busselton	2,041,120	2,195,176	7.55	1,156,776	-1,125	1,037,275
Cambridge	559,640	538,061	-3.86	317,181	-308	220,572
Canning	1,745,754	1,679,772	-3.78	989,436	-962	689,374
Capel	819,887	880,737	7.42	464,692	-452	415,593
Carnamah	617,391	663,148	7.41	349,920	-340	312,888
Carnarvon	1,790,816	1,920,372	7.23	1,014,979	-987	904,406
Chapman Valley	684,519	738,974	7.96	387,970	-377	350,627
Chittering	597,902	644,370	7.77	338,879	-330	305,161

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Claremont	133,715	128,555	-3.86	75,788	-74	52,693
Cockburn	2,494,374	2,426,231	-2.73	1,413,827	-1,375	1,011,029
Collie	620,678	666,836	7.44	351,789	-342	314,705
Coolgardie	686,410	739,005	7.66	389,033	-378	349,594
Coorow	709,337	765,583	7.93	402,035	-391	363,157
Corrigin	883,097	948,547	7.41	500,516	-487	447,544
Cottesloe	116,382	111,891	-3.86	65,963	-64	45,864
Cranbrook	828,949	890,386	7.41	469,830	-457	420,099
Cuballing	458,533	492,521	7.41	259,875	-253	232,393
Cue	632,125	672,655	6.41	358,277	-348	314,030
Cunderdin	676,364	726,492	7.41	383,342	-373	342,777
Dalwallinu	1,542,651	1,656,984	7.41	874,316	-850	781,818
Dandaragan	1,303,291	1,410,763	8.25	738,676	-718	671,369
Dardanup	677,946	730,485	7.75	384,247	-374	345,864
Denmark	619,688	695,710	12.27	351,226	-342	344,142
Derby-West Kimberley	1,426,501	1,551,475	8.76	808,504	-786	742,185
Donnybrook-Balingup	845,545	915,843	8.31	479,237	-466	436,140
Dowerin	717,387	775,100	8.04	406,596	-395	368,109
Dumbleyung	861,343	925,180	7.41	488,163	-475	436,542
Dundas	496,443	531,972	7.16	281,375	-274	250,323
East Fremantle	94,528	90,881	-3.86	53,577	-52	37,252
East Pilbara	2,704,053	2,913,073	7.73	1,532,501	-1,491	1,379,081
Esperance	3,990,295	4,304,388	7.87	2,261,568	-2,200	2,040,620
Exmouth	527,606	566,352	7.34	299,037	-291	267,024
Fremantle	477,577	476,521	-0.22	270,690	-263	205,568
Gingin	1,114,856	1,197,483	7.41	631,879	-615	564,989

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Gnowangerup	845,636	912,812	7.94	479,285	-466	433,061
Goomalling	491,165	530,190	7.95	278,375	-271	251,544
Gosnells	2,199,854	2,116,486	-3.79	1,246,812	-1,213	868,461
Greater Geraldton	2,603,859	2,881,950	10.68	1,475,801	-1,435	1,404,714
Halls Creek	1,173,766	1,262,347	7.55	665,227	-647	596,473
Harvey	1,305,968	1,400,694	7.25	740,184	-720	659,790
Irwin	427,181	492,629	15.32	242,118	-235	250,276
Jerramungup	813,960	874,286	7.41	461,332	-449	412,505
Joondalup	2,883,565	2,774,484	-3.78	1,634,303	-1,590	1,138,591
Kalamunda	1,493,689	1,436,153	-3.85	846,588	-823	588,742
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,032,445	2,179,677	7.24	1,151,951	-1,120	1,026,606
Karratha	1,389,644	1,502,463	8.12	726,736	-766	774,961
Katanning	659,230	710,003	7.70	373,630	-363	336,010
Kellerberrin	755,177	815,385	7.97	428,014	-416	386,955
Kent	972,152	1,044,202	7.41	550,981	-536	492,685
Kojonup	877,371	946,694	7.90	497,273	-484	448,937
Kondinin	1,027,305	1,085,583	5.67	582,250	-566	502,767
Koorda	810,076	874,340	7.93	459,140	-447	414,753
Kulin	1,127,614	1,206,784	7.02	639,105	-622	567,057
Kwinana	1,036,921	1,001,681	-3.40	587,695	-572	413,414
Lake Grace	1,682,551	1,807,252	7.41	953,622	-927	852,703
Laverton	1,250,975	1,340,289	7.14	708,996	-690	630,603
Leonora	929,631	1,001,079	7.69	526,863	-512	473,704
Mandurah	1,690,964	1,834,825	8.51	958,405	-932	875,488
Manjimup	1,769,471	1,901,721	7.47	1,002,902	-975	897,844
Meekatharra	1,866,440	2,022,152	8.34	1,057,851	-1,029	963,272

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Melville	1,405,318	1,351,654	-3.82	796,509	-775	554,370
Menzies	1,048,618	1,128,603	7.63	594,298	-578	533,727
Merredin	1,088,382	1,174,306	7.89	616,866	-600	556,840
Mingenew	419,122	450,185	7.41	237,551	-231	212,403
Moora	1,001,802	1,076,050	7.41	567,774	-552	507,724
Morawa	754,298	814,313	7.96	427,515	-416	386,382
Mosman Park	107,285	103,145	-3.86	60,807	-59	42,279
Mount Magnet	554,353	596,956	7.69	314,141	-306	282,509
Mount Marshall	1,140,391	1,224,910	7.41	646,344	-629	577,937
Mukinbudin	696,168	751,460	7.94	394,573	-384	356,503
Mundaring	1,339,924	1,289,337	-3.78	759,441	-739	529,157
Murchison	1,133,505	1,219,527	7.59	642,446	-625	576,456
Murray	1,140,999	1,227,720	7.60	646,686	-629	580,405
Nannup	616,623	663,376	7.58	349,490	-340	313,546
Narembeen	1,056,714	1,150,308	8.86	598,919	-583	550,806
Narrogin	847,270	909,674	7.37	480,176	-467	429,031
Nedlands	373,394	358,987	-3.86	211,632	-206	147,149
Ngaanyatjarraku	1,031,990	1,108,475	7.41	584,940	-569	522,966
Northam	1,054,385	1,136,546	7.79	597,594	-581	538,371
Northampton	932,607	1,006,193	7.89	528,580	-514	477,099
Nungarin	395,708	425,036	7.41	224,283	-218	200,535
Peppermint Grove	25,736	24,778	-3.72	14,587	-14	10,177
Perenjori	1,148,430	1,233,545	7.41	650,905	-633	582,007
Perth	447,090	434,546	-2.81	253,404	-246	180,896
Pingelly	473,683	510,866	7.85	268,473	-261	242,132
Plantagenet	1,144,836	1,229,685	7.41	648,870	-631	580,184

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Port Hedland	1,043,363	1,120,812	7.42	591,342	-575	528,895
Quairading	742,736	797,766	7.41	420,963	-409	376,394
Ravensthorpe	960,819	1,032,029	7.41	544,571	-530	486,928
Rockingham	2,785,038	2,701,712	-2.99	1,578,469	-1,535	1,121,708
Sandstone	643,713	693,076	7.67	364,827	-355	327,894
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,385,921	1,488,460	7.40	785,487	-764	702,209
Shark Bay	605,135	650,128	7.44	342,973	-334	306,821
South Perth	516,547	496,868	-3.81	292,769	-285	203,814
Stirling	3,011,802	2,897,696	-3.79	1,706,922	-1,660	1,189,114
Subiaco	251,224	241,727	-3.78	142,385	-138	99,204
Swan	3,627,375	3,566,368	-1.68	2,055,853	-2,000	1,508,515
Tammin	380,355	410,030	7.80	215,574	-210	194,246
Three Springs	607,448	652,469	7.41	344,284	-335	307,850
Toodyay	729,576	784,463	7.52	413,508	-402	370,553
Trayning	606,612	651,571	7.41	343,810	-334	307,427
Upper Gascoyne	1,728,782	1,900,447	9.93	979,633	-953	919,861
Victoria Park	499,876	480,874	-3.80	283,311	-276	197,287
Victoria Plains	746,527	801,855	7.41	423,101	-412	378,342
Vincent	462,704	448,228	-3.13	262,253	-255	185,720
Wagin	657,898	710,049	7.93	372,873	-363	336,813
Wandering	299,868	346,308	15.49	169,959	-165	176,184
Wanneroo	4,048,689	4,099,815	1.26	2,294,719	-2,232	1,802,864
Waroona	521,092	563,031	8.05	295,337	-287	267,407
West Arthur	703,604	755,751	7.41	398,771	-388	356,592
Westonia	669,638	723,493	8.04	379,535	-369	343,589
Wickepin	681,214	735,346	7.95	386,093	-376	348,877

Local Government	2024-25 final road grant (exc special projects) (\$)	2025-26 final road grant entitlement (\$)	Percentage change (%)	Advance Payment paid in June 2025 (\$)	Minus adjustment for 2024-25 (\$)	Remaining cash payment for roads for 2025-26 (\$)
Williams	441,862	473,567	7.18	250,438	-244	222,885
Wiluna	1,226,248	1,319,612	7.61	694,981	-676	623,955
Wongan-Ballidu	1,109,945	1,198,080	7.94	629,064	-612	568,404
Woodanilling	409,580	442,591	8.06	232,139	-226	210,226
Wyalkatchem	566,895	611,942	7.95	321,309	-312	290,321
Wyndham-East Kimberley	1,245,813	1,337,687	7.37	706,131	-687	630,869
Yalgoo	809,092	870,905	7.64	458,557	-446	411,902
Yilgarn	1,930,187	2,072,131	7.35	1,093,963	-1,064	977,104
York	816,721	877,540	7.45	462,894	-448	414,198
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,249,976</b>	<b>150,565,969</b>		<b>81,128,705</b>	<b>-78,965</b>	<b>69,358,299</b>

**Table 8: Schedule of local road funding – special projects**

Local government	2025-26 bridges (\$)	2025-26 Aboriginal access roads (\$)	Total 2025-26 special projects (\$)
Beverley	1,342,000	-	1,342,000
Boyup Brook	388,000	-	388,000
Canning	104,000	-	104,000
Cockburn	240,000	-	240,000
Cranbrook	376,000	-	376,000
Derby-West Kimberley	-	460,000	460,000
East Pilbara	-	949,339	949,339
Gosnells	794,000	-	794,000
Halls Creek	-	256,667	256,667
Harvey	956,000	-	956,000
Joondalup	33,333	-	33,333
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	-	333,333	333,333
Laverton	-	166,667	166,667
Menzies	-	333,333	333,333
Mundaring	1,088,000	-	1,088,000
Murray	500,000	-	500,000
Ngaanyatjarraku	-	640,000	640,000
Port Hedland	-	53,333	53,333
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	80,000	-	80,000
Swan	66,667	-	66,667
Upper Gascoyne	-	233,334	233,334
Wandering	376,013	-	376,013
Wanneroo	40,000	-	40,000
Waroona	514,000	-	514,000
West Arthur	674,000	-	674,000
Wyndham-East Kimberley	-	360,000	360,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,572,013</b>	<b>3,786,006</b>	<b>11,358,019</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 9: Financial Assistance Grants for Indian Ocean Territories 2025-26**

### General Purpose Grants

Local government	2024-25 Final GP grant (\$)	2025-26 Final GP grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)
Christmas Island	6,132,490	6,271,710	2.27
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	4,766,056	4,929,256	3.42

### Local road grants

Local government	2024-25 Final road grant (\$)	2025-26 Final road grant (\$)	Percentage change (%)
Christmas Island	702,295	751,740	7.04
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	199,074	215,572	8.28

## **More information**

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

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