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Chair's Report

I am pleased to present the 2023 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. Its principal function is to make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government regarding the allocation of Commonwealth financial assistance grants to WA's 137 local governments.

Over the past 12 months, the Commission visited 12 local governments. I would like to thank them all for their willingness to engage in public hearings regarding the grant methodology, which determines the amount of funding allocated to each individual local government. These hearings also allow the Commission to understand local government needs and challenges.

The Commission approved and submitted its Financial Assistance Grant recommendations to the State and Commonwealth Ministers in early August 2023. These were approved with local governments receiving their first payments in mid-August. I thank all the Commission members for their involvement in the grant calculations and the dedication they demonstrated to their roles over the past 12 months.

With the end of this reporting period, I note that several appointments were made to the Commission. I wish to congratulate and recognise our longest serving member, Dr Wendy Giles, who has been re-appointed for a further three-year term. I also wish to congratulate Ms Virginia Miltrup who has been appointed as Dr Giles' deputy.

This year also marks the end of Cr Deborah Botica's tenure as deputy for the Commission. I would like to recognise her commitment and willingness to be part of the Commission for the last seven years.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Luke Stevens who acted in the role of Chair until I was appointed to the role. Luke's knowledge and experience was invaluable throughout the year, and he ensured the functions of the Commission continued successfully during a period of membership and executive staff changes.

I am honoured to be appointed as Chairperson. I look forward to being part of the Commission and making a difference for WA local governments during my tenure.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our executive staff who support of the Commission to operate in an efficient and effective manner. To Leah Horton, Chris Berry, Nicholas Harmer, Kathryn Christidis, Shannon Wood, Chloe Papasergio and all who have assisted during the past year, we appreciate the commitment and professionalism you continue to demonstrate, to always ensure that the Commission continues its important work within the sector.

Further, on behalf of the Commission, I would like to acknowledge Shannon Wood for his tireless commitment over the past 14 years to the Commission and service to local government. I can tell by the way the other members of the Commission refer to

Shannon that he has made an indelible mark on the Commission. He will be truly missed. I wish him well in his future career ambitions.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Bull', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cr Dan Bull

Chairperson - WA Local Government Grants Commission

31 August 2023

Membership of the Commission

For the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 the members of the Commission were:

Members

Name	Position	Term
Cr Daniel Bull	Chairperson	19 June 2023 to 31 August 2026
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	
Mayor 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

Officers of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) provide administrative, secretarial and research support to the Commission. During 2022-23, officers of the Executive Support Branch who assisted the Commission were:

- Mrs Leah Horton – Manager, Board Governance and Reporting
- Mrs Kathryn Christidis – Senior Strategy and Research Officer
- Mr Nicholas Harmer – Strategy and Research Officer
- Dr Chris Berry – Roads Consultant

- Ms Chloe Papasergio – former Manager, Board Governance and Reporting
- Mr Shannon Wood – former Senior Strategy and Research Officer

Member Profiles (as at 31 August 2023)



Cr Daniel Bull – Chairperson

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 is currently the Local Government Advisory Board Chair, having been appointed in October 2021. Dan graduated from UWA with a Bachelor of Laws.



Mr Luke Stevens – Deputy Chairperson

Luke was appointed to the Commission in 2019. Luke was employed by DLGSC in 2017 and currently works within Legal Services as Legal Counsel. Luke 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 Doctorate 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- 2017 and re-elected in 2019.



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's has extensive experience in finance, working for the Department of Finance and as the Executive Manager of Corporate Services at the Shire of Chittering and has recently been appointed 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 experience 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 is a Councillor at the Shire of Broome 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 chairperson, country urban member and deputy country urban member concluded on 31 August 2022.

The following appointments to the Commission were gazetted on 19 June 2023 to fill the positions:

- Cr Daniel Bull – Chairperson
- Ms Virginia Miltrup – Deputy Country Urban Member

The terms of the new members commenced on 19 June 2023.

Financial Assistance Grants

Financial Assistance Grants: 2023-24 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). FA Grants are 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 in special circumstances.

In 2023-24, WA received an increase to its general purpose grant and to the local roads allocation (including adjustments for underpayment in the previous year).

The Western Australian share of Commonwealth funding for 2023-24 is \$377,625,444 being 12.16 per cent of the national allocation of \$3,106,445,787. WA's share consisted of \$231,362,524 for the general purpose component and \$146,262,920 for the local roads component.

Figure 1. National Distribution of Financial Assistance Grants 2023-24

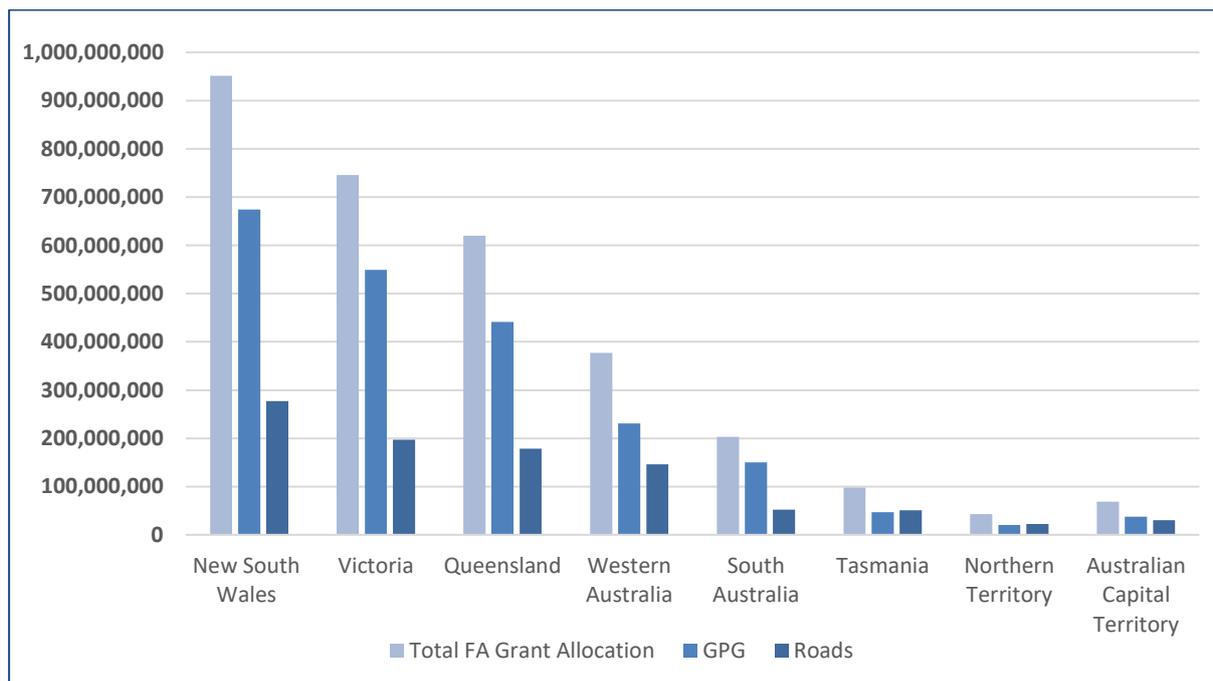


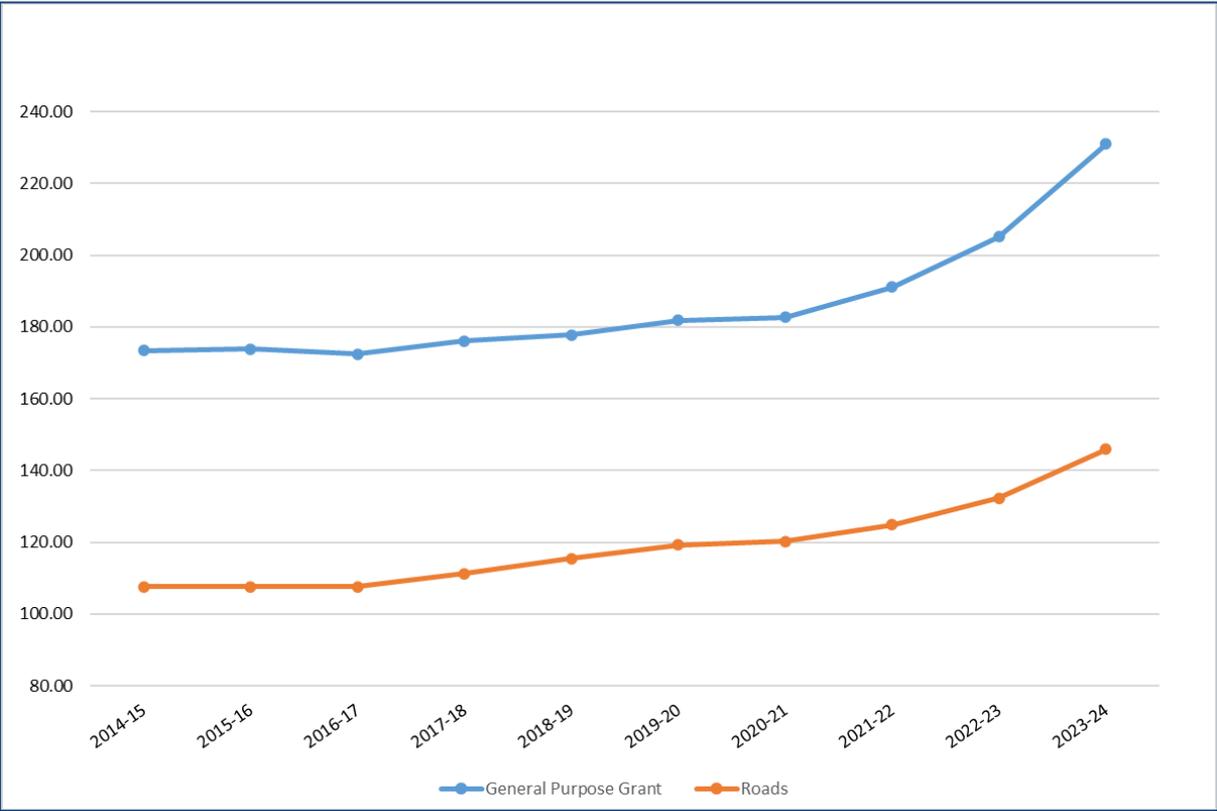
Table 1: 2023-24 General Purpose and Road Funding by State

State	General Purpose %	Roads %
New South Wales	31.34%	29.01%
Victoria	25.52%	20.62%
Queensland	20.51%	18.74%
Western Australia	10.73%	15.29%
South Australia	6.99%	5.50%
Tasmania	2.19%	5.30%
Northern Territory	0.96%	2.34%
Australian Capital Territory	1.76%	3.21%
Total:	100.00%	100.00%*

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

The final amount of FA Grants to be distributed for 2023-24 is \$16,050,137 million higher, at \$393,675,581, to reflect a positive adjustment to the 2022-23 State allocation. This is a result of the Commonwealth rectifying an underpayment of grants made to the State in 2022-23 due to adjustments to the estimated State population and inflation used in the previous year’s grant calculation. This year’s adjustment consists of an additional \$9,736,675 for general purpose grants and \$6,313,462 for local roads.

Figure 2. Commonwealth Funding Allocated to Western Australia 2013-14 to 2023-24



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 2023-24, the total statewide general purpose grant funding was approximately 64 per cent of the calculated statewide Equalisation Need.

In 2023-24, the general purpose grant funding received by the State allowed for 64 per cent of calculated grant need to be paid to local governments. If a local government was receiving greater than this, they received a reduction in their grant. Reductions have been phased in over the past 7 years to provide some level of stability in grant funding. If a local government was receiving less than 64 per cent, the grant increase provided was as much as the available funding pool would allow.

As part of the process of transitioning all local governments to a uniform scale back figure, being 64 per cent of calculated grant need for the 2023-24 grant determinations, the Commission has been able to ensure that all local governments receive the same percentage of their calculated grant need this year and in future years.

Table 2: 2023-24 General Purpose – Increases and Decreases

Size of general purpose grant change	Number of LGs
Decreases between 7% and 32%	5
Decrease less than 7%	4
Increases between 1% and <20%	90
Increase greater than 20%	6
TOTAL	105*

*This table does not include the 32 minimum grant local governments. Minimum grant local governments are deemed to be self-sufficient and do not need the financial assistance grant funding when compared to other WA local governments.

Local governments that were deemed 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 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants

The Commonwealth Government advised in June 2023 that it would make an advance payment of the 2023-24 FA Grants in the 2022-23 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 via the WA Department of Treasury.

This year, the advance payment was significantly higher than the previous advance payments of 50 or 75 per cent per of WA's estimated 2023-24 FA Grant entitlement, with the State Government receiving 100 per cent of the estimated FA Grant allocation upfront. The advance consisted of \$230,921,687 in general purpose grants and \$135,762,877 in local road grants.

The Commonwealth has noted the impact of providing a bring forward payment at 100 per cent, with local governments needing to ensure sufficient funds remain for 2023-24 with much smaller incoming quarterly payments due to the remainder of the 2023-24 grants entitlements totalling \$16,769,018 for the State.

The allocation to local governments from the Commonwealth for the advance payments is based on grant recommendations from the prior year (2022-23) with indexation in line with the growth to the grant allocation to WA. However, as detailed in this annual report, the WA Grants Commission methodology allocates funding not purely based on indexation of the grant pool but based on a variety of factors to ensure equitable distribution that is appropriate for the State.

The difference in the two allocation methods has resulted in some local governments being overpaid in 2023-24 funding allocation, and some being underpaid. This process will be reversed in 2024-25 to ensure the over and under payments reconcile with actual entitlements, bringing the net effect to zero (\$0) over the two years of grant funding.

The Commission will continue to advocate for advance payments that do not impact on the financial sustainability of local governments and for normalisation and consistency in advance distribution.

Advance payments were made to local governments on 30 June 2023.

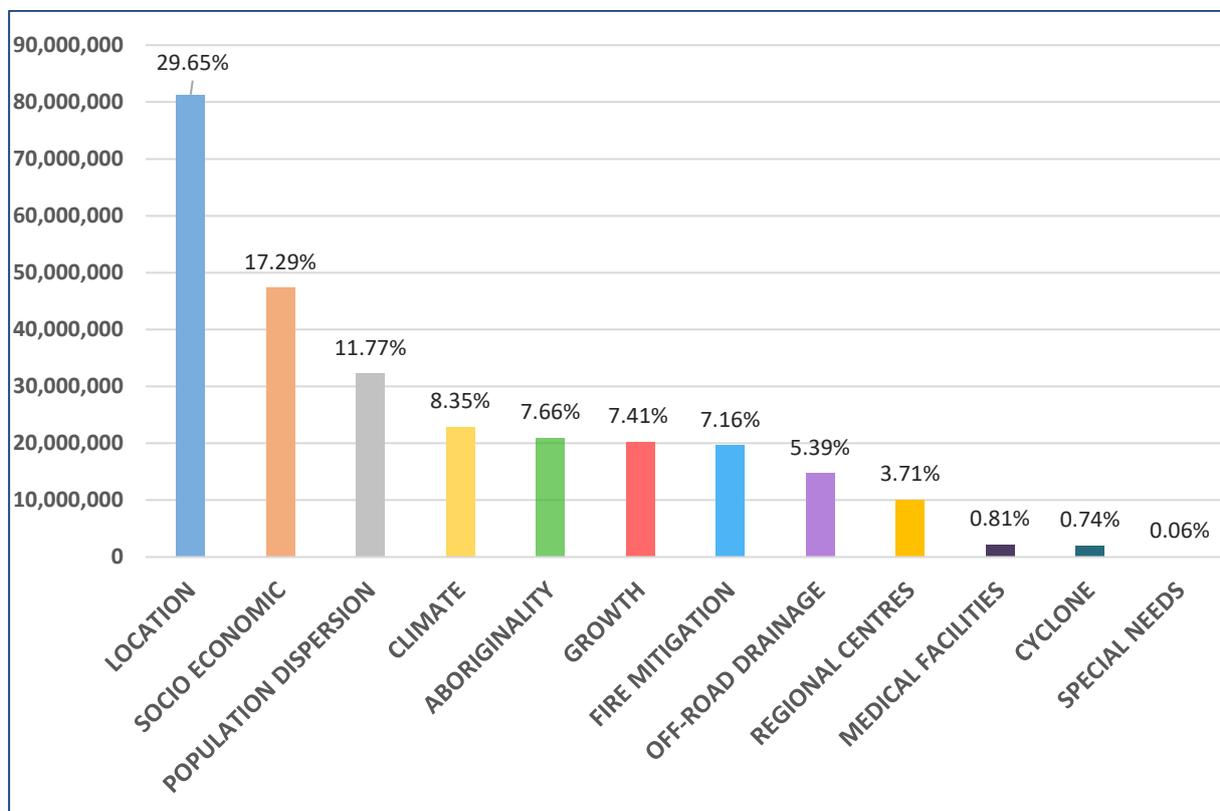
Methodology used for 2023-24

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 adjusters.

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.

In 2023-24, the Commission determined the following cost adjusters to be of the greatest importance to local government.

Figure 3. Cost adjustor allocation for Financial Assistance Grants 2023-24



Below is a summary of the 12 cost adjustors applied to the general purpose grants, excluding the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT's):

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	2,513,108	81,310,528	767,080
Socio-economic disadvantage	79	Gosnells*	2,508,438	47,431,142	600,394
Growth	59	Wanneroo*	3,527,297	20,327,632	344,536
Population dispersion	48	East Pilbara	1,718,497	32,279,694	672,494
Climate	87	Greater Geraldton	1,656,334	22,904,598	263,271
Aboriginality	95	Derby-West Kimberley	1,247,277	21,005,220	221,108
Regional centres	18	Perth*	1,384,963	10,163,816	564,656
Fire mitigation	92	Swan*	2,779,993	19,637,773	213,454
Off-road drainage	127	Joondalup*	2,550,016	14,794,732	116,494
Medical facilities	55	Various	85,000	2,216,707	40,304
Cyclone	11	Karratha	292,988	2,032,763	184,797
Special needs	2	Murchison / Gingin	80,000	160,000	80,000

* Minimum grant local government

Refinements and Review of the Methodology for 2023-24

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

For 2023-24, 87 per cent of expenditure calculations were distributed using a per capita or per property allocation with the remaining 14 per cent allocated by the cost adjustors, to recognise costs which are out of a local governments control.

While the Commission's methodology review is still underway, no major refinements were implemented for the 2023-24 grant determinations. However, there were some minor changes that are noted below.

Off-Road Drainage

Drainage infrastructure and costs are not collected annually, it is 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 allowances for 2022-23. The total off road drainage allowance for 2023-24 is \$14.79 million, which is a 5% increase from 2022-23 which was \$14.1 million.

The major factor in the increase to assessed allowances was revised drainage data particularly from Armadale, Canning, Capel, Cockburn, Gosnells, Joondalup and Wanneroo accounting for 77% of the \$702,941 increase in allowances.

Transport Standard

The Commonwealth's 2020-21 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) funding stream was allocated to local governments largely based on asset preservation needs but were not required to be spent on roads. Based on the WALGA Road Assets and Expenditure Report, 17% of the \$190.6 million provided in Phases 1 and 2 was spent on roads. As this expenditure was not necessarily for asset preservation exclusively, it is proposed to take 71% of this expenditure (\$22m) 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 12% of the LRCIP is to increase the total preservation grants netted out from the required transport expenditure from \$257.2m to \$280m. This had the effect of reducing the transport standard expenditure calculated for local governments and resulted in reductions to local government equalisations in many circumstances.

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 certain cost adjustors, updates to indicator data results in the changes to state averages, they are listed below:

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 are now; 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 recognising up to 120% of local government expenditure. Therefore, the Commission agreed that this be manually adjusted so the percentage of a local governments expenditure be recognised at 82% and capped at \$85,000. Due to the variable nature of medical costs, the Medical Cost adjustor will no longer be indexed in line with the other cost adjustors. The Commission will review this percentage each year. In 2022-23, there were 14 local governments who received the maximum allowance of \$85,000.

Growth Data

The Commission updated the historical growth data range from 2016 to 2020 to 2017 to 2021. 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 2022-23. The Shire of Gingin for the Lancelin Off-Road Vehicle Area and the financial impact it has on the Shire and the Shire of Murchison for the financial impact of being off the power grid. The special needs cost adjustor remains at \$80,000.

Revenue Standards

Revenue standards are a mathematical formulae 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 RCI new regression formula of 37.56% on number of properties and 62.44% on valuations.

The final formula is $\$708.88 \times \text{number of properties} + 0.048 \times \text{valuations}$.

Pastoral Rates

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the regression formula for the Pastoral Standard of 19% on properties 33% on valuations and 48% on area.

The final formula was $0.02804 \times \text{valuations} + 0.01261 \times \text{area (Ha)}$

Mining Rates

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the Mining Standard formula of 0% on Area, 84% on valuation and 16% 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 LGs excluding Wanneroo, Port Hedland, Ashburton and Kwinana.
 $0 \times \text{area} + 0.1470 \times \text{valuations} + 490.49 \times \text{number of properties}$

Formula for Wanneroo, Port Hedland, Ashburton and Kwinana.
 $0 \times \text{area} + 0.2651 \times \text{valuations} + 909.58 \times \text{number of properties}$

Due to the Shire of Ashburton not returning the 2022-23 information return, the formula relating to area was reduced to 0%, as this is only applicable to this Shire.

Agricultural

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the Agricultural Standard model weightings of 24% on number of properties, 39% on valuations, and 37% on area.

The final formula was $\$873.58 \times \text{number of properties} + 0.0026 \times \text{valuations} + 3.85 \times \text{area}$.

Investment

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated Investment Revenue formula.

The final formula was $\text{Population} \times \7.40 .

Expenditure Standards

Recreation and Culture

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated Recreation and Culture Standard formula.

The final formula was $\$299.52 \times \text{LG Population} + \text{Cost Adjustors}$.

Governance

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated Governance Standard formula.

The final formula was $\$184.62 \times \text{Number of Rateable Assessments} + \text{cost adjustors}$.

Community Amenities

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated Community Amenities Standard formula.

The final formula was $\$144.71 \times \text{Number of Rateable Assessments} + \text{Cost Adjustors}$.

Education, Health and Welfare

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the updated Education, Health and Welfare Standard formula.

The final formula was $\$47.51 \times \text{LG Population} + \text{Cost Adjustors}$.

Law, Order and Public Safety

The Commission approved the recommendation to adopt the Law, Order and Public Safety Standard formula.

The final formula was $\$73.60 \times \text{Number of Rateable Assessments} + \text{Cost Adjustors}$.

Transport

The Transport Standard figures used are those approved as presented to the Commission at the meeting on 3 August 2023.

The final formula for was Factored Back Transport Needs – Road Preservation Grants.

Reviews proposed for 2023-24

The Commission has continued its review of all components of the methodology in 2023-24. The Commission's next focus is on the review and composition of the five revenue standards. The last major review was completed for the 2012-13 grant calculations.

Local Government Submissions

The Commission received five formal submissions in 2022-23, from the Shires of Derby West Kimberley, Ngaanyatjarraku, Christmas Island, Murchison and the City of Bunbury.

Any decision made on the following 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.

Minimum Grant Local Governments

In 2023-24, 32 local governments (of the 137 total in WA) received the minimum grant entitlement which equated to \$24.90 per capita. This was an increase from 2022-23 when local governments received \$22.94 per capita.

Collectively, the local governments receiving the minimum grant accounted for \$52.9m (23 per cent) of the total general purpose funding pool while comprising 76 per cent of the State's population.

2023-24 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

Amalgamation Policy

The Commission has a policy whereby, for a five-year period, it will provide any amalgamating local governments the higher of the amalgamating local governments' individual general purpose grants, combined and pegged at pre-amalgamation levels, or the new equalisation of the new entity. Currently there are no WA local governments operating within the amalgamation maintenance period.

Grants Determination Process

The Commission maintains its administrative processes to provide for timely notification of grants to local governments. The Commission met to confirm the Final Grant Schedule of FA Grants for 2023-24 on 3 August 2023. The WA Minister for Local Government approved the Commission's final allocation of FA Grants on 8 August 2023. The Commonwealth Minister for Local Government approved the final grant allocations on 10 August 2023.

Publication of Grant Calculations

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 to local governments on the DLGSC's web page.

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 hearing, 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 councillors, staff, members of the public and the Commission. Due to the large number of local governments in WA, the Commission aims to hold public hearings with each one at least once every five 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 2022-23, the Commission conducted public hearings at the following 12 local governments:

Table 3: Public Hearings in 2022-23

Region	Local Governments
Great Southern	Albany, Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Denmark & Plantagenet.
Mid West 2	Carnamah, Coorow, Dandaragan, Moora and Victoria Plains.
Indian Ocean Territories	Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Island.

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.

General Issues

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

- Housing availability and costs
- Staff attraction and retention
- Road conditions and maintenance
- Tourist impacts on local infrastructure
- Climate/Heavy rainfall
- Fuel/Freight costs
- Fire mitigation costs; and
- Inaccurate Aboriginal Census counts.

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 2022-23 there was one Local Roads submission made to the Commission from the Shire of Christmas Island.

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 WA'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 Asset Preservation Model (APM).

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

General Purpose Grants

Local Government	2022-23	2023-24	% Change
	Final GP Grant (\$)	Final GP Grant (\$)	
Christmas Island	6,090,728	6,132,490	0.69%
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	4,587,360	4,766,056	3.90%

Local Road Grants

Local Government	2022-23	2023-24	% Change
	Final Road Grant (\$)	Final Road Grant (\$)	
Christmas Island	575,932	648,380*	12.58%
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	179,699	202,917*	12.92%

* includes underpayment for FY 2022-23

Local Road Funding

The Commission calculates the road grant allocations using the APM which has been in place since 1992. The APM recognises the maintenance costs based on 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 2023-24, WA received \$146,262,920 of the total national local road funding pool of \$954,764,375 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 WA 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 2023-24 are:

Roads Servicing Aboriginal Communities	\$3,409,371
Bridges	\$6,812,628
Distributed according to the APM	\$136,040,921
Total:	\$146,262,920

Distribution of the Asset Preservation Model component

In 2023-24, \$136,040,921 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.

Special Projects: Roads Servicing Aboriginal Communities

In 2023-24 the Special Projects funds for Aboriginal access roads are:

Special Project funds from Commission	\$3,409,371
State funds from MRWA	\$1,704,686
Total	\$5,114,057

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 each of 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
- DLGSC.

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 is pleasing to see continuing improvements in road standards.

Table 5: Aboriginal Access Roads Grants

Local Government	Road	2023-24 Allocations (\$)
Derby West Kimberley	Calwynyardah Noonkanbah	166,667
	Camballin Myrooda	46,667
	Christmas Creek	33,333
	Mount Anderson	40,000
	Noonkanbah Millijiddee	50,000
East Pilbara	Desert Road	213,333
	Jigalong	120,000
	Jupiter Well	56,667
	Kiwirrkurra	116,667
	Kunawarritji	100,000
	Punmu	120,000
	Talawana Track	133,333
Halls Creek	Tanami	166,667
Kalgoorlie Boulder	Cutline Road	266,667
Laverton	Old Laverton [Mt Margaret]	166,667
Menzies	Tjuntjuntjarra	192,704
Ngaanyatjarraku	Great Central	120,000
	Irrunytju (Giles Mulga Park)	120,000
	Mantamaru (Jameson Wanarn)	26,667
	Papulankutja (Warburton Blackstone)	313,333
	Patjarr	40,000
	Tjirrkarli	53,333
Port Hedland	Tjukurla	53,333
	Marta Marta	40,000
Upper Gascoyne	Landor Mt Augustus	226,667
Wiluna	Wiluna North	66,667
Wyndham East Kimberley	Gibb River Kalumburu	360,000
TOTAL		3,409,371

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 2023-24, the funds for the preservation of bridges are:

Special Project funds from Commission	\$ 6,812,628
State funds from MRWA	\$ 3,406,314
Total	\$10,218,942

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; and
- DLGSC.

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 Grants

Local Government	Road Name	2023-24 Allocations (\$)
Albany (C)	Cosy Corner Rd	824,000
Boyup Brook	Boyup Brook - Arthur River Rd	1,332,000
Bruce Rock	Erikin South Rd	133,337
Dardanup	Clifton Rd	186,000
Donnybrook - Balingup	Bridge St	560,000
Kojonup	Samson Rd	30,000
Kojonup	Samson Rd	392,000
Manjimup	Sears Rd	124,000
Murray	Paterson Rd	428,624
Murray	Lakes Rd	934,000
Swan (C)	Tilden Dr	300,000
Swan (C)	Water St	400,000
Wandering	Wandering Narrogin Rd	388,000
Woodanilling	Onslow Rd	314,000
Wyndham - East Kimberley	Lake Argyle Rd	466,667
Total		6,812,628

Implementation of updated Road Costs Used in the Asset Preservation Model

In 2023-24, the Commission applied updated road costs in its determination of road asset preservation need, following a review of the costs used in the APM with input from local governments. Accurate road costs underpin the reliability of the APM, which is used for allocating Commonwealth Financial Assistance local road grants and State Direct grants. The Commonwealth has also used the Commission's APM assessments as a basis for allocating a component of Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding and the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The review of road costs was more fully reported in the 2019-20 Annual Report.

Schedule of General Purpose Grants

Local Government	2022-23 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adj. for 2022-23 underpayment (\$)	Advance Payment paid in June 2023	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 (\$)	2023-24 Over & (Under) Payments (\$)
Albany	3,073,332	3,460,190	12.59%	145,897	3,460,190	-	80,533
Armadale	2,287,939	2,576,077	12.59%	108,613	2,575,935	142	(137,829)
Ashburton	2,257,105	2,541,220	12.59%	107,149	2,541,220	-	951,968
Augusta-Margaret River	564,226	635,282	12.59%	26,785	635,248	34	5,115
Bassendean	367,753	414,044	12.59%	17,458	414,044	-	(2,681)
Bayswater	1,580,045	1,796,164	13.68%	75,008	1,778,934	17,230	(15,528)
Belmont	981,721	1,105,296	12.59%	46,604	1,105,296	-	6,267
Beverley	747,202	841,257	12.59%	35,471	841,257	-	100,110
Boddington	74,271	83,620	12.59%	3,526	83,620	-	12,703
Boyup Brook	887,625	999,355	12.59%	42,137	999,355	-	37,118
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	1,048,223	1,180,169	12.59%	49,761	1,180,169	-	241,131
Brookton	830,112	934,624	12.59%	39,407	934,603	21	(10,085)
Broome	1,747,887	1,967,904	12.59%	82,975	1,967,904	-	341,946
Broomehill-Tambellup	1,093,740	1,231,415	12.59%	51,922	1,231,415	-	123,964
Bruce Rock	1,724,757	1,941,862	12.59%	81,877	1,941,862	-	48,487
Bunbury	722,796	856,343	18.48%	34,312	813,778	42,565	(49,306)
Busselton	941,484	1,067,765	13.41%	44,694	1,059,994	7,771	(154,650)
Cambridge	670,470	754,866	12.59%	31,828	754,866	-	(14,199)
Canning	2,147,445	2,477,459	15.37%	101,943	2,417,756	59,703	(29,846)
Capel	1,609,343	1,812,264	12.61%	76,399	1,811,920	344	(90,568)
Carnamah	1,070,704	1,205,480	12.59%	50,828	1,205,480	-	(1,120)
Carnarvon	3,849,509	4,334,069	12.59%	182,743	4,334,069	-	26,792
Chapman Valley	564,893	635,999	12.59%	26,817	635,999	-	90,756

Local Government	2022-23 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adj. for 2022-23 underpayment (\$)	Advance Payment paid in June 2023	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 (\$)	2023-24 Over & (Under) Payments (\$)
Chittering	1,098,821	1,237,301	12.60%	52,163	1,237,136	165	(43,661)
Claremont	252,135	291,663	15.68%	11,969	283,873	7,790	2,711
Cockburn	2,751,159	3,112,845	13.15%	130,603	3,097,463	15,382	(51,249)
Collie	1,322,379	1,489,314	12.62%	62,776	1,488,834	480	(131,333)
Coolgardie	616,698	694,325	12.59%	29,276	694,325	-	6,716
Coorow	1,539,979	1,733,861	12.59%	73,106	1,733,825	36	(11,284)
Corrigin	1,340,736	1,509,502	12.59%	63,647	1,509,502	-	21,452
Cottesloe	189,967	213,879	12.59%	9,018	213,879	-	9,108
Cranbrook	1,013,663	1,141,259	12.59%	48,120	1,141,259	-	10,396
Cuballing	552,564	622,118	12.59%	26,231	622,118	-	9,723
Cue	1,670,483	1,880,918	12.60%	79,301	1,880,756	162	(43,611)
Cunderdin	1,008,878	1,135,935	12.59%	47,893	1,135,871	64	(27,618)
Dalwallinu	2,051,498	2,309,828	12.59%	97,388	2,309,732	96	(17,308)
Dandaragan	877,181	987,679	12.60%	41,641	987,597	82	10,433
Dardanup	895,210	1,007,895	12.59%	42,497	1,007,895	-	134,911
Denmark	530,185	596,922	12.59%	25,169	596,922	-	244,053
Derby-West Kimberley	5,005,661	5,636,727	12.61%	237,628	5,635,752	975	(276,193)
Donnybrook-Balingup	1,296,226	1,459,389	12.59%	61,534	1,459,389	-	20,242
Dowerin	933,521	1,051,029	12.59%	44,316	1,051,029	-	12,144
Dumbleyung	1,187,402	1,336,867	12.59%	56,368	1,336,867	-	22,954
Dundas	1,138,358	1,281,874	12.61%	54,040	1,281,650	224	(59,403)
East Fremantle	181,066	203,858	12.59%	8,596	203,858	-	4,127
East Pilbara	2,951,737	3,324,045	12.61%	140,124	3,323,289	756	(218,014)
Esperance	3,415,880	3,845,944	12.59%	162,158	3,845,856	88	(55,858)
Exmouth	1,345,571	1,515,049	12.60%	63,877	1,514,946	103	(28,401)

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Fremantle	731,812	839,289	14.69%	34,740	823,929	15,360	24,215
Gingin	1,007,750	1,134,746	12.60%	47,840	1,134,601	145	(27,285)
Gnowangerup	1,011,205	1,138,491	12.59%	48,004	1,138,491	-	17,408
Goomalling	518,786	584,089	12.59%	24,628	584,089	-	38,499
Gosnells	2,900,981	3,307,386	14.01%	137,715	3,266,144	41,242	8,705
Greater Geraldton	4,438,901	4,999,428	12.63%	210,723	4,997,651	1,777	(522,589)
Halls Creek	3,413,486	3,843,692	12.60%	162,045	3,843,161	531	(167,318)
Harvey	2,483,503	2,796,118	12.59%	117,897	2,796,116	2	(14,883)
Irwin	352,369	396,724	12.59%	16,728	396,724	-	34,834
Jerramungup	840,858	946,702	12.59%	39,917	946,702	-	(11,286)
Joondalup	3,683,697	4,147,385	12.59%	174,872	4,147,385	-	44,326
Kalamunda	1,363,444	1,535,068	12.59%	64,725	1,535,068	-	22,019
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,629,196	1,834,678	12.61%	77,341	1,834,272	406	(332,820)
Karratha	1,266,038	1,427,976	12.79%	60,101	1,425,401	2,575	(527,643)
Katanning	1,760,104	1,981,994	12.61%	83,555	1,981,658	336	(107,838)
Kellerberrin	1,648,836	1,856,384	12.59%	78,273	1,856,384	-	24,738
Kent	1,307,167	1,471,708	12.59%	62,054	1,471,708	-	(3,071)
Kojonup	813,596	916,008	12.59%	38,623	916,008	-	104,810
Kondinin	1,662,824	1,872,133	12.59%	78,937	1,872,133	-	41,078
Koorda	1,348,997	1,518,803	12.59%	64,039	1,518,803	-	43,457
Kulin	1,524,724	1,716,724	12.59%	72,382	1,716,650	74	(21,240)
Kwinana	1,105,988	1,245,205	12.59%	52,503	1,245,205	-	(3,155)
Lake Grace	1,833,415	2,064,197	12.59%	87,036	2,064,197	-	11,824
Laverton	1,709,554	1,925,010	12.60%	81,156	1,924,745	265	(189,698)
Leonora	496,679	559,199	12.59%	23,578	559,199	-	185,374

Local Government	2022-23 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adj. for 2022-23 underpayment (\$)	Advance Payment paid in June 2023	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 (\$)	2023-24 Over & (Under) Payments (\$)
Mandurah	2,051,945	2,377,848	15.88%	97,410	2,310,235	67,613	21,683
Manjimup	2,777,409	3,127,017	12.59%	131,849	3,127,017	-	145,143
Meekatharra	2,654,896	2,989,967	12.62%	126,033	2,989,083	884	(232,324)
Melville	2,373,359	2,672,107	12.59%	112,668	2,672,107	-	36,954
Menzies	1,558,295	1,754,446	12.59%	73,975	1,754,446	-	144,516
Merredin	1,746,420	1,966,252	12.59%	82,906	1,966,252	-	3,184
Mingenew	389,661	438,710	12.59%	18,498	438,710	-	19,202
Moora	1,074,895	1,210,198	12.59%	51,027	1,210,198	-	(14,303)
Morawa	1,274,897	1,435,376	12.59%	60,522	1,435,376	-	(281)
Mosman Park	208,938	238,634	14.21%	9,919	235,238	3,396	1,804
Mount Magnet	1,657,584	1,866,450	12.60%	78,689	1,866,234	216	(160,621)
Mount Marshall	1,693,430	1,906,592	12.59%	80,390	1,906,592	-	42,971
Mukinbudin	1,114,262	1,254,521	12.59%	52,896	1,254,521	-	27,999
Mundaring	1,602,001	1,803,806	12.60%	76,050	1,803,654	152	(30,120)
Murchison	3,186,682	3,587,855	12.59%	151,278	3,587,808	47	2,501
Murray	1,053,771	1,186,665	12.61%	50,024	1,186,415	250	(54,440)
Nannup	919,733	1,035,505	12.59%	43,661	1,035,505	-	19,118
Narembeen	1,374,656	1,547,692	12.59%	65,258	1,547,692	-	22,777
Narrogin	1,578,400	1,777,082	12.59%	74,930	1,777,082	-	197,411
Nedlands	519,639	585,049	12.59%	24,668	585,049	-	19,074
Ngaanyatjarraku	3,408,362	3,838,135	12.61%	161,801	3,837,392	743	(210,113)
Northam	2,434,093	2,740,839	12.60%	115,551	2,740,486	353	(119,140)
Northampton	1,416,682	1,595,140	12.60%	67,253	1,595,008	132	(32,524)
Nungarin	1,033,601	1,163,706	12.59%	49,067	1,163,706	-	19,611
Peppermint Grove	40,306	45,380	12.59%	1,913	45,380	-	5,187

Local Government	2022-23 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adj. for 2022-23 underpayment (\$)	Advance Payment paid in June 2023	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 (\$)	2023-24 Over & (Under) Payments (\$)
Perenjori	1,509,001	1,698,948	12.59%	71,635	1,698,948	-	14,174
Perth	716,648	806,857	12.59%	34,021	806,857	-	87,781
Pingelly	1,043,547	1,175,003	12.60%	49,539	1,174,904	99	(24,493)
Plantagenet	1,296,825	1,460,185	12.60%	61,563	1,460,064	121	(25,275)
Port Hedland	604,291	680,357	12.59%	28,687	680,357	-	238,032
Quairading	1,327,859	1,495,004	12.59%	63,036	1,495,004	-	18,607
Ravensthorpe	1,310,793	1,475,790	12.59%	62,226	1,475,790	-	47,082
Rockingham	3,232,786	3,639,715	12.59%	153,466	3,639,715	-	76,997
Sandstone	1,681,312	1,892,961	12.59%	79,815	1,892,948	13	(8,778)
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,512,198	1,702,547	12.59%	71,787	1,702,547	-	45,609
Shark Bay	1,510,637	1,700,790	12.59%	71,713	1,700,790	-	39,977
South Perth	1,001,679	1,127,766	12.59%	47,552	1,127,766	-	17,691
Stirling	5,121,605	5,871,734	14.65%	243,132	5,766,291	105,443	(183,648)
Subiaco	394,799	447,317	13.30%	18,742	444,495	2,822	(3,250)
Swan	3,584,481	4,075,546	13.70%	170,162	4,035,680	39,866	9,163
Tammin	836,425	941,711	12.59%	39,707	941,711	-	3,452
Three Springs	864,846	973,709	12.59%	41,056	973,709	-	45,403
Toodyay	889,617	1,001,598	12.59%	42,232	1,001,598	-	61,356
Trayning	1,426,545	1,606,174	12.59%	67,721	1,606,112	62	(15,656)
Upper Gascoyne	3,279,746	3,693,161	12.61%	155,696	3,692,586	575	(173,340)
Victoria Park	861,882	970,372	12.59%	40,915	970,372	-	(7,911)
Victoria Plains	667,411	751,422	12.59%	31,683	751,422	-	(14,897)
Vincent	849,426	956,850	12.65%	40,324	956,348	502	12,122
Wagin	1,046,414	1,178,132	12.59%	49,675	1,178,132	-	(9,059)
Wandering	326,720	367,846	12.59%	15,510	367,846	-	11,926

Local Government	2022-23 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final General Purpose Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adj. for 2022-23 underpayment (\$)	Advance Payment paid in June 2023	Remaining cash payment 2023-24 (\$)	2023-24 Over & (Under) Payments (\$)
Wanneroo	4,952,261	5,575,630	12.59%	235,093	5,575,630	-	129,826
Waroona	979,979	1,103,335	12.59%	46,521	1,103,335	-	16,302
West Arthur	651,134	733,096	12.59%	30,911	733,096	-	(22,606)
Westonia	1,046,271	1,177,971	12.59%	49,668	1,177,971	-	15,446
Wickepin	1,027,379	1,156,701	12.59%	48,772	1,156,701	-	68,529
Williams	339,248	381,983	12.60%	16,105	381,951	32	(6,638)
Wiluna	2,029,866	2,285,377	12.59%	96,362	2,285,377	-	26,748
Wongan-Ballidu	1,480,449	1,666,802	12.59%	70,280	1,666,802	-	(29,942)
Woodanilling	536,845	604,421	12.59%	25,485	604,421	-	6,483
Wyalkatchem	1,342,728	1,511,918	12.60%	63,742	1,511,745	173	(39,183)
Wyndham-East Kimberley	2,733,625	3,077,985	12.60%	129,770	3,077,722	263	2,527
Yalgoo	1,832,630	2,063,314	12.59%	86,998	2,063,314	-	9,338
Yilgarn	2,307,501	2,597,959	12.59%	109,541	2,597,959	-	(43,672)
York	939,290	1,057,678	12.60%	44,591	1,057,524	154	(53,128)
Total	205,104,066	231,362,524	12.80%	9,736,675	230,921,687	440,837	(3,058)

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 2% of rates revenue.

Schedule of Local Road Funding (Part One)

Local Government	2022-23 Final Road Grant (\$)	2023-24 Final Road Grant (\$)	Percentage Change	Adjustment for 2022-23 Road Underpayment (\$)	Local Road Advance paid in June 2023	Remaining Cash Payment 2023-24 (\$)
Albany	2,086,972	2,306,221	10.51%	109,728	2,301,522	4,699
Armadale	1,682,612	1,859,608	10.52%	86,806	1,855,592	4,016
Ashburton	1,018,218	1,125,051	10.49%	35,576	1,122,895	2,156
Augusta-Margaret River	1,150,742	1,271,631	10.51%	61,392	1,269,043	2,588
Bassendean	240,320	265,581	10.51%	13,137	265,026	555
Bayswater	897,276	991,598	10.51%	47,623	989,520	2,078
Belmont	620,143	685,304	10.51%	32,820	683,896	1,408
Beverley	533,128	589,258	10.53%	28,714	587,936	1,322
Boddington	235,035	259,790	10.53%	12,651	259,198	592
Boyup Brook	759,578	839,376	10.51%	39,815	837,666	1,710
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	754,255	833,492	10.51%	40,085	831,796	1,696
Brookton	397,283	439,031	10.51%	20,697	438,125	906
Broome	612,375	676,707	10.51%	53,729	675,330	1,377
Broomehill-Tambellup	728,281	804,804	10.51%	38,242	803,152	1,652
Bruce Rock	904,053	999,046	10.51%	46,327	996,994	2,052
Bunbury	978,349	1,081,261	10.52%	52,609	1,078,928	2,333
Busselton	1,616,475	1,786,662	10.53%	87,465	1,782,656	4,006
Cambridge	468,465	517,733	10.52%	23,237	516,625	1,108
Canning	1,491,360	1,648,141	10.51%	80,031	1,644,679	3,462
Capel	715,432	790,583	10.50%	37,160	788,982	1,601
Carnamah	533,375	589,424	10.51%	24,146	588,208	1,216
Carnarvon	1,537,802	1,699,352	10.51%	76,524	1,695,895	3,457
Chapman Valley	598,652	661,543	10.51%	31,111	660,196	1,347

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Chittering	527,139	582,515	10.51%	27,985	581,331	1,184
Claremont	118,549	131,001	10.50%	6,355	130,736	265
Cockburn	2,329,468	2,574,366	10.51%	99,278	2,568,948	5,418
Collie	549,563	607,291	10.50%	28,636	606,061	1,230
Coolgardie	583,387	644,674	10.51%	30,954	643,362	1,312
Coorow	618,539	683,526	10.51%	33,218	682,128	1,398
Corrigin	767,542	848,184	10.51%	41,166	846,449	1,735
Cottesloe	102,684	113,470	10.50%	6,305	113,240	230
Cranbrook	725,789	802,039	10.51%	38,281	800,403	1,636
Cuballing	379,340	419,200	10.51%	19,962	418,338	862
Cue	559,265	618,014	10.50%	28,746	616,760	1,254
Cunderdin	580,405	641,406	10.51%	31,178	640,073	1,333
Dalwallinu	1,302,533	1,439,368	10.51%	68,428	1,436,439	2,929
Dandaragan	1,157,269	1,278,802	10.50%	35,611	1,276,241	2,561
Dardanup	598,628	661,495	10.50%	29,965	660,170	1,325
Denmark	545,089	602,358	10.51%	29,604	601,127	1,231
Derby-West Kimberley	1,240,398	1,370,695	10.50%	66,624	1,367,917	2,778
Donnybrook-Balingup	741,412	819,309	10.51%	40,041	817,632	1,677
Dowerin	621,425	686,722	10.51%	32,823	685,310	1,412
Dumbleyung	700,222	773,827	10.51%	37,073	772,208	1,619
Dundas	439,396	485,550	10.50%	23,740	484,568	982
East Fremantle	82,923	91,635	10.51%	4,478	91,448	187
East Pilbara	2,176,694	2,405,410	10.51%	109,888	2,400,468	4,942
Esperance	3,411,208	3,769,705	10.51%	172,863	3,761,896	7,809
Exmouth	464,968	513,814	10.51%	25,286	512,769	1,045

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Fremantle	437,309	483,213	10.50%	24,282	482,266	947
Gingin	984,569	1,087,994	10.50%	51,593	1,085,787	2,207
Gnowangerup	734,989	812,211	10.51%	37,206	810,549	1,662
Goomalling	418,083	462,027	10.51%	22,160	461,064	963
Gosnells	1,895,299	2,094,448	10.51%	100,351	2,090,144	4,304
Greater Geraldton	2,265,414	2,503,469	10.51%	121,661	2,498,309	5,160
Halls Creek	953,160	1,053,323	10.51%	47,494	1,051,149	2,174
Harvey	1,124,868	1,243,080	10.51%	59,775	1,240,510	2,570
Irwin	377,028	416,636	10.51%	20,249	415,788	848
Jerramungup	708,549	783,042	10.51%	37,897	781,391	1,651
Joondalup	2,452,216	2,709,870	10.51%	132,650	2,704,315	5,555
Kalamunda	1,305,888	1,443,093	10.51%	68,450	1,440,139	2,954
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,793,188	1,982,059	10.53%	95,684	1,977,536	4,523
Karratha	1,364,105	1,504,341	10.28%	-	1,504,341	-
Katanning	565,247	624,654	10.51%	29,800	623,357	1,297
Kellerberrin	654,688	723,470	10.51%	34,538	721,993	1,477
Kent	825,633	912,429	10.51%	43,961	910,512	1,917
Kojonup	767,558	848,192	10.51%	40,925	846,466	1,726
Kondinin	893,680	987,589	10.51%	47,896	985,554	2,035
Koorda	725,111	801,249	10.50%	38,125	799,656	1,593
Kulin	985,355	1,088,886	10.51%	50,667	1,086,654	2,232
Kwinana	889,959	983,516	10.51%	47,113	981,451	2,065
Lake Grace	1,453,565	1,606,316	10.51%	77,908	1,602,998	3,318
Laverton	1,039,207	1,148,632	10.53%	47,194	1,146,042	2,590
Leonora	750,989	829,950	10.51%	38,230	828,194	1,756

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Mandurah	1,489,675	1,646,172	10.51%	79,518	1,642,820	3,352
Manjimup	1,561,093	1,725,085	10.50%	82,895	1,721,580	3,505
Meekatharra	1,624,493	1,795,138	10.50%	74,745	1,791,498	3,640
Melville	1,244,188	1,374,858	10.50%	66,898	1,372,096	2,762
Menzies	848,522	937,650	10.50%	48,270	935,754	1,896
Merredin	944,687	1,043,953	10.51%	50,775	1,041,805	2,148
Mingenew	370,031	408,893	10.50%	19,503	408,072	821
Moora	827,543	914,591	10.52%	44,543	912,618	1,973
Morawa	652,278	720,820	10.51%	34,267	719,335	1,485
Mosman Park	94,658	104,601	10.50%	5,216	104,389	212
Mount Magnet	376,336	416,072	10.56%	19,370	415,025	1,047
Mount Marshall	989,431	1,093,366	10.50%	52,610	1,091,149	2,217
Mukinbudin	610,429	674,542	10.50%	32,075	673,184	1,358
Mundaring	1,177,392	1,301,075	10.50%	63,647	1,298,433	2,642
Murchison	994,895	1,099,379	10.50%	53,489	1,097,175	2,204
Murray	985,974	1,089,541	10.50%	52,195	1,087,337	2,204
Nannup	544,688	601,906	10.50%	29,022	600,684	1,222
Narembeen	919,679	1,016,306	10.51%	48,266	1,014,226	2,080
Narrogin	665,713	735,716	10.52%	35,482	734,151	1,565
Nedlands	329,357	363,954	10.50%	17,466	363,216	738
Ngaanyatjarraku	967,288	1,068,901	10.50%	39,759	1,066,730	2,171
Northam	909,101	1,004,649	10.51%	47,741	1,002,561	2,088
Northampton	815,342	900,998	10.51%	42,911	899,163	1,835
Nungarin	355,389	392,717	10.50%	18,371	391,925	792
Peppermint Grove	22,740	25,128	10.50%	1,213	25,078	50

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Perenjori	1,007,302	1,113,126	10.51%	50,654	1,110,857	2,269
Perth	416,083	459,731	10.49%	10,199	458,858	873
Pingelly	416,638	460,402	10.50%	21,835	459,470	932
Plantagenet	1,008,020	1,113,916	10.51%	53,568	1,111,649	2,267
Port Hedland	888,496	981,903	10.51%	44,918	979,837	2,066
Quairading	643,365	710,963	10.51%	33,747	709,506	1,457
Ravensthorpe	842,859	931,412	10.51%	45,053	929,509	1,903
Rockingham	2,383,275	2,633,697	10.51%	123,687	2,628,286	5,411
Sandstone	533,689	589,766	10.51%	26,999	588,555	1,211
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	1,170,757	1,293,826	10.51%	60,209	1,291,116	2,710
Shark Bay	522,954	577,887	10.50%	28,100	576,716	1,171
South Perth	455,889	503,769	10.50%	24,930	502,756	1,013
Stirling	2,436,152	2,692,534	10.52%	131,885	2,686,599	5,935
Subiaco	213,524	235,969	10.51%	11,570	235,475	494
Swan	3,053,372	3,374,216	10.51%	159,478	3,367,272	6,944
Tammin	328,470	362,987	10.51%	17,663	362,238	749
Three Springs	524,217	579,310	10.51%	27,660	578,109	1,201
Toodyay	640,243	707,509	10.51%	34,226	706,063	1,446
Trayning	523,495	578,489	10.51%	27,641	577,313	1,176
Upper Gascoyne	1,106,613	1,222,890	10.51%	55,726	1,220,378	2,512
Victoria Park	418,599	462,623	10.52%	22,471	461,634	989
Victoria Plains	626,470	692,348	10.52%	32,625	690,874	1,474
Vincent	411,783	455,030	10.50%	22,106	454,116	914
Wagin	559,043	617,811	10.51%	29,534	616,515	1,296
Wandering	263,941	291,669	10.51%	13,808	291,075	594

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Wanneroo	3,578,593	3,954,535	10.51%	183,410	3,946,488	8,047
Waroona	443,996	490,641	10.51%	23,881	489,641	1,000
West Arthur	583,667	645,063	10.52%	31,203	643,671	1,392
Westonia	584,086	645,451	10.51%	30,700	644,133	1,318
Wickepin	589,821	651,798	10.51%	30,952	650,457	1,341
Williams	387,131	427,805	10.51%	18,624	426,930	875
Wiluna	1,016,308	1,123,095	10.51%	51,435	1,120,789	2,306
Wongan-Ballidu	917,038	1,013,499	10.52%	48,071	1,011,314	2,185
Woodanilling	354,270	391,497	10.51%	18,613	390,691	806
Wyalkatchem	508,492	561,893	10.50%	26,862	560,767	1,126
Wyndham-East Kimberley	1,156,345	1,277,672	10.49%	56,188	1,275,222	2,450
Yalgoo	672,196	742,829	10.51%	35,696	741,301	1,528
Yilgarn	1,643,622	1,816,417	10.51%	85,824	1,812,594	3,823
York	705,521	779,670	10.51%	37,542	778,052	1,618
Total	123,106,930	136,040,921	12.80%	6,313,462	135,762,877	278,044

Schedule of Local Road Funding – Special Projects (Part Two)

Local Government	2023-24 Bridges (\$)	2023-24 Indigenous Access Roads (\$)	Total 2023-24 Special Projects (\$)
Albany	824,000	-	824,000
Boyup Brook	1,332,000	-	1,332,000
Bruce Rock	133,337	-	133,337
Dardanup	186,000	-	186,000
Derby-West Kimberley	-	336,667	336,667
Donnybrook-Balingup	560,000	-	560,000
East Pilbara	-	860,000	860,000
Halls Creek	-	166,667	166,667
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	-	266,667	266,667
Kojonup	422,000	-	422,000
Laverton	-	166,667	166,667
Manjimup	124,000	-	124,000
Menzies	-	192,704	192,704
Murray	1,362,624	-	1,362,624
Ngaanyatjarraku	-	726,667	726,667
Port Hedland	-	40,000	40,000
Swan	700,000	-	700,000
Upper Gascoyne	-	226,666	226,666
Wandering	388,000	-	388,000
Wiluna	-	66,666	66,666
Woodanilling	314,000	-	314,000
Wyndham-East Kimberley	466,667	360,000	826,667
Total	6,812,628	3,409,371	10,221,999

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