

Local Government Grants Commission – Fact Sheet

About the Commission

The Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (the 'Commission') is an independent statutory body that makes recommendations on the distribution of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants.

The Commission must allocate the funding in a way that complies with the Act and seven national principles prescribed by the Commonwealth Minister.

Commission Members

The Commission consists of six members, appointed for a period of up to three years:

-  • four persons with knowledge of local government (including one chairperson)
-  • one person with knowledge of Indigenous local governments
-  • one officer of the Department.

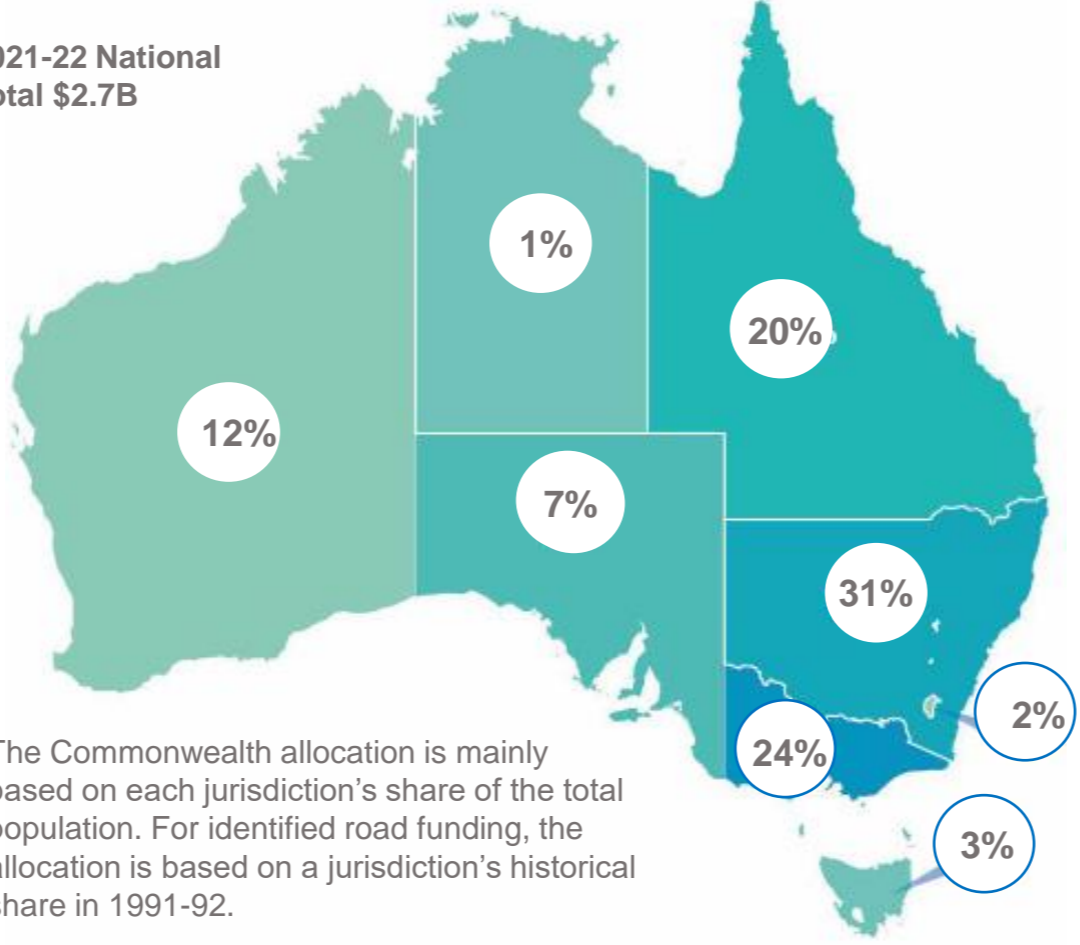
Legislation

- Commonwealth:**
- *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*
- Queensland:**
- *Local Government Act 2009*
 - *Local Government Regulation 2012.*



Financial Assistance Grant - National distribution

2021-22 National Total \$2.7B

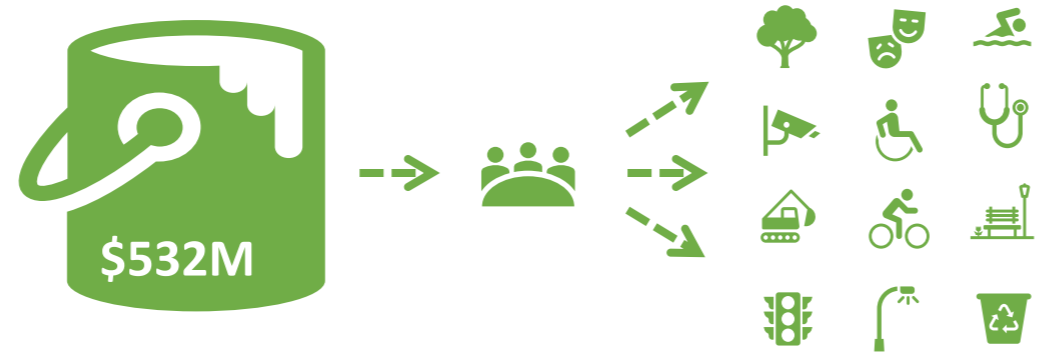


The Commonwealth allocation is mainly based on each jurisdiction's share of the total population. For identified road funding, the allocation is based on a jurisdiction's historical share in 1991-92.

Financial Assistance Grant – Queensland distribution

The Commission determines the allocation of Queensland's Financial Assistance Grant to the 77 local governments in the state.

In 2021-22, the total allocation to Queensland is \$532M.

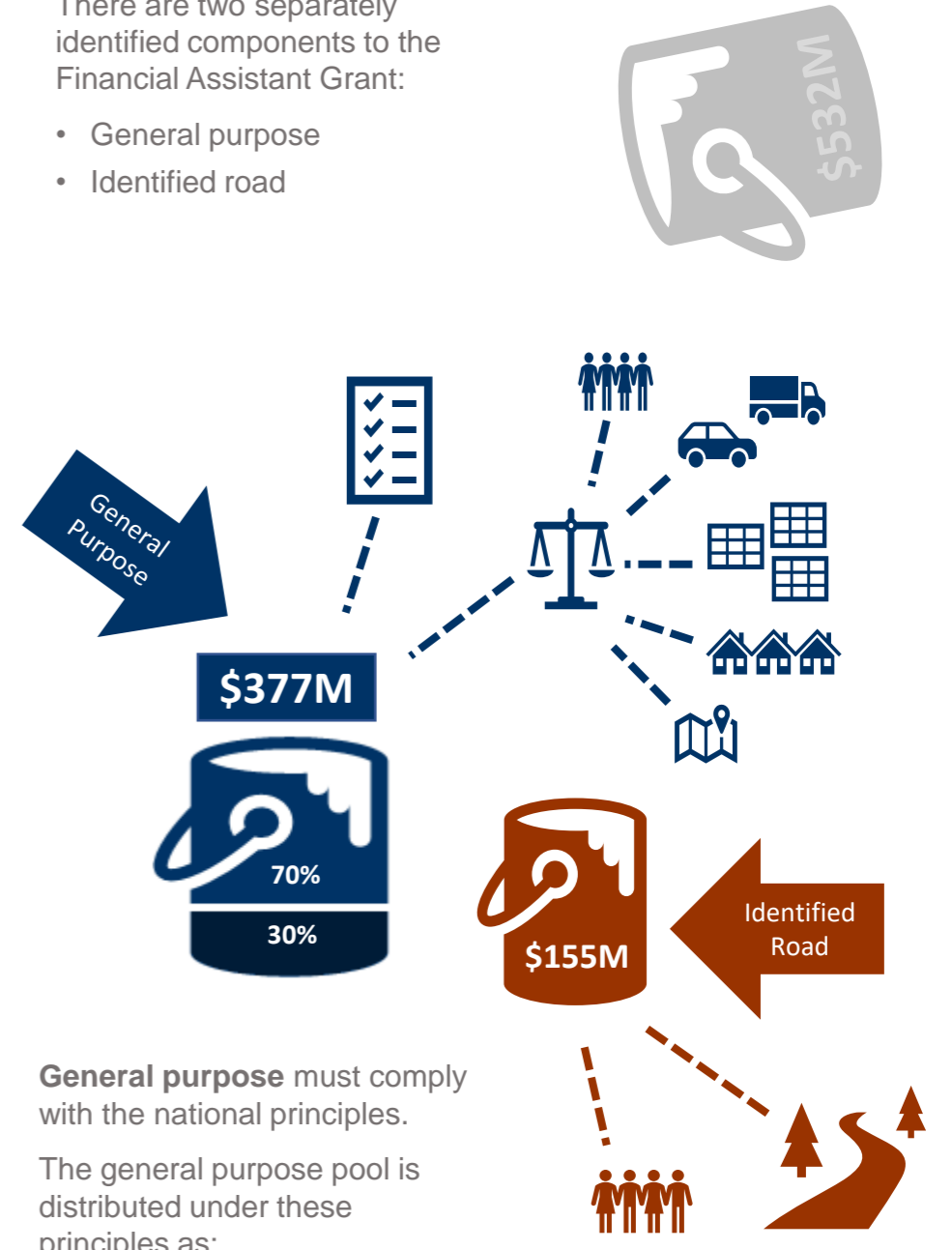


The Financial Assistance Grant is to be distributed according to relative need. This funding to Councils is untied and can be spent according to local priorities.

Financial Assistance Grant - Queensland

There are two separately identified components to the Financial Assistance Grant:

- General purpose
- Identified road



General purpose must comply with the national principles.

The general purpose pool is distributed under these principles as:

- 70 per cent relative need
- 30 per cent minimum grant

The percentage allocated to the minimum grant is set by the Commonwealth and cannot be changed by the Commission.

The minimum grant is calculated on a population basis for all of Queensland's 77 councils. Some councils only receive this part of the General Purpose pool.

Identified road must also comply with relevant national principles and is allocated based on the relative needs of each Council for roads expenditure on existing assets.