

## Circular to Councils

Subject/title	2024-25 Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) – advance payment
Circular Details	GC153 / 28 June 2024 / A902652
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Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Finance Managers
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Action required	Information

### What's new or changing?

The Commonwealth Government has announced the advance payment of the preliminary 2024-25 FA Grants will represent approximately 85% of the amount councils are entitled to.

Further adjustments to the remaining payments will take into account:

- the determination by the Commonwealth Treasurer of the final adjustments for 2023-24
- the Local Government Grants Commission's (the Commission) final recommendations for 2024-25.

The Commission will advise councils of the recommendations when they have been finalised after the Commonwealth advises the amount of the final adjustments.

### What will this mean for council?

- The advance payment amount, as set out in the attached schedule, will be paid to councils without delay.
- A media release advising of the Commonwealth's decision to make an advance payment is attached.
- The balance of the grants will be paid in quarterly instalments during 2024 25.

- The first quarterly instalment is expected to be paid to councils in mid-August 2024, with subsequent instalments in November 2024, February 2025, and May 2025.
- All councils will be advised by letter of individual estimated entitlements for the 2024-25 FA Grants.

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## Key points

- The grants are paid under the provisions of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Cth).
- The total amount of the annual FA Grants, and whether and when an advance payment is made, is determined by the Federal Government.
- Over the past 6 years, the FA Grants program has been transitioning to a revised funding model which provides an upper limit of +5% and lower limit 0% on an individual council's' general purpose component when compared year on year.
- No council has been receiving a lower general purpose grant than the previous year during transition.
- The NSW Grants Commission has been working in consultation with local councils on a strategy to restore the former upper and lower limits.
- The Commission has resolved to commence restoration of the former upper and lower limits in 2025-26, which is anticipated to be within a range of +6 to -4%.
- The FA Grants will remain in transition with a 0% lower limit in 2024-25.

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## Where to go for further information

- Updates about the transition and general information are available on the Office of Local Government Website:  
<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/grants-commission>
- Please contact Helen Pearce, Executive Officer, if you require any further information.



Helen Pearce  
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**ADVANCE PAYMENT OF THE 2024-25 INDICATIVE PRELIMINARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

<b>85% of Estimate for 2024-25 from LGGC</b>				
<b>State</b>	<b>Council Name</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>LR</b>	<b>Total</b>
NSW	Albury City Council	5,149,124	1,656,985	6,806,109
NSW	Armidale Regional Council	4,813,583	2,577,346	7,390,929
NSW	Ballina Shire Council	3,477,118	1,640,016	5,117,134
NSW	Balranald Shire Council	3,647,775	1,474,753	5,122,528
NSW	Bathurst Regional Council	4,609,204	2,242,671	6,851,875
NSW	Bayside Council	3,964,880	1,298,588	5,263,468
NSW	Bega Valley Shire Council	5,716,132	2,311,141	8,027,273
NSW	Bellingen Shire Council	3,398,969	1,069,854	4,468,823
NSW	Berrigan Shire Council	3,950,505	1,512,668	5,463,173
NSW	Blacktown City Council	12,424,938	4,147,951	16,572,889
NSW	Bland Shire Council	5,506,360	3,356,164	8,862,524
NSW	Blayney Shire Council	2,181,137	963,627	3,144,764
NSW	Blue Mountains City Council	7,668,561	1,468,077	9,136,638
NSW	Bogan Shire Council	3,585,658	1,611,764	5,197,422
NSW	Bourke Shire Council	5,430,426	2,143,351	7,573,777
NSW	Brewarrina Shire Council	4,220,665	1,455,789	5,676,454
NSW	Broken Hill Council of the City of	5,380,102	591,448	5,971,550
NSW	Burwood Council	961,102	306,492	1,267,594
NSW	Byron Shire Council	2,332,594	1,366,446	3,699,040
NSW	Cabonne Shire Council	3,396,016	2,294,476	5,690,492
NSW	Camden Council of the City of	2,921,025	1,976,050	4,897,075
NSW	Campbelltown City Council	7,617,475	2,067,187	9,684,662
NSW	Canada Bay Council City of	1,980,089	675,481	2,655,570
NSW	Canterbury-Bankstown Council	8,229,965	2,848,760	11,078,725
NSW	Carrathool Shire Council	4,662,275	2,614,777	7,277,052
NSW	Central Coast Council (NSW)	21,970,122	4,853,996	26,824,118
NSW	Central Darling Shire Council	5,355,986	1,777,809	7,133,795
NSW	Cessnock City Council	5,715,791	2,075,874	7,791,665
NSW	Clarence Valley Council	7,973,135	3,787,674	11,760,809
NSW	Cobar Shire Council	4,985,407	1,914,487	6,899,894
NSW	Coffs Harbour City Council	5,455,885	2,526,024	7,981,909
NSW	Coolamon Shire Council	2,915,355	1,438,463	4,353,818
NSW	Coonamble Shire Council	3,415,943	1,825,164	5,241,107
NSW	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	4,246,467	1,744,912	5,991,379
NSW	Cowra Shire Council	3,772,995	1,619,837	5,392,832
NSW	Cumberland Council	5,926,826	1,960,030	7,886,856
NSW	Dubbo Regional Council	8,369,689	3,828,580	12,198,269
NSW	Dungog Shire Council	2,047,318	1,029,243	3,076,561
NSW	Edward River Council	4,614,746	1,687,685	6,302,431
NSW	Eurobodalla Shire Council	5,789,166	1,886,406	7,675,572
NSW	Fairfield City Council	6,869,973	1,850,191	8,720,164
NSW	Federation Council	5,127,110	2,499,439	7,626,549
NSW	Forbes Shire Council	4,123,356	2,154,336	6,277,692
NSW	Georges River Council	3,424,579	1,211,876	4,636,455
NSW	Gilgandra Council	3,183,852	1,490,127	4,673,979
NSW	Glen Innes Severn Council	3,369,323	1,529,284	4,898,607
NSW	Goulburn Mulwaree Council	3,819,970	2,009,941	5,829,911
NSW	Greater Hume Shire Council	3,826,771	2,343,244	6,170,015
NSW	Griffith City Council	4,611,358	1,807,501	6,418,859
NSW	Gunnedah Shire Council	3,513,656	1,796,085	5,309,741
NSW	Gwydir Shire Council	3,503,727	2,425,702	5,929,429
NSW	Hawkesbury City Council	2,508,670	1,862,987	4,371,657
NSW	Hay Shire Council	2,982,026	900,051	3,882,077
NSW	Hills Shire Council The	4,505,974	2,378,773	6,884,747
NSW	Hilltops Council	5,953,067	3,123,557	9,076,624

NSW	Hornsby Shire Council	3,338,395	1,547,894	4,886,289
NSW	Hunter's Hill Council	373,115	133,485	506,600
NSW	Inner West Council	4,080,542	1,427,969	5,508,511
NSW	Inverell Shire Council	4,631,572	2,471,455	7,103,027
NSW	Junee Shire Council	2,308,988	1,021,897	3,330,885
NSW	Kempsey Shire Council	4,838,037	2,115,840	6,953,877
NSW	Kiama Municipal Council	1,393,122	636,219	2,029,341
NSW	Ku-Ring-Gai Council	2,751,411	1,228,428	3,979,839
NSW	Kyogle Council	3,439,884	1,778,707	5,218,591
NSW	Lachlan Council	6,879,136	3,770,579	10,649,715
NSW	Lake Macquarie City Council	13,880,027	3,165,011	17,045,038
NSW	Lane Cove Municipal Council	950,050	316,294	1,266,344
NSW	Leeton Shire Council	4,023,586	1,164,141	5,187,727
NSW	Lismore City Council	4,674,153	2,172,505	6,846,658
NSW	Lithgow Council City of	4,015,563	1,394,275	5,409,838
NSW	Liverpool City Council	6,033,782	2,666,914	8,700,696
NSW	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	2,913,186	1,528,166	4,441,352
NSW	Lockhart Shire Council	2,695,981	1,502,666	4,198,647
NSW	Lord Howe Island Board	294,937	0	294,937
NSW	Maitland City Council	5,799,226	1,608,635	7,407,861
NSW	Mid-Coast Council	13,224,357	6,053,657	19,278,014
NSW	Mid-Western Regional Council	4,776,604	2,749,685	7,526,289
NSW	Moree Plains Shire Council	5,756,623	3,212,259	8,968,882
NSW	Mosman Municipal Council	768,612	249,087	1,017,699
NSW	Murray River Council	6,135,087	3,287,656	9,422,743
NSW	Murrumbidgee Council	3,541,244	1,818,900	5,360,144
NSW	Muswellbrook Shire Council	3,065,459	1,006,102	4,071,561
NSW	Nambucca Valley Council	3,260,185	1,384,067	4,644,252
NSW	Narrabri Shire Council	5,573,569	2,611,633	8,185,202
NSW	Narrandera Shire Council	3,795,843	1,762,508	5,558,351
NSW	Narromine Shire Council	3,460,272	1,610,148	5,070,420
NSW	Newcastle City Council	10,664,134	2,008,437	12,672,571
NSW	North Sydney Council	1,560,367	512,642	2,073,009
NSW	Northern Beaches Council	5,805,202	2,372,924	8,178,126
NSW	Oberon Council	2,177,465	1,075,304	3,252,769
NSW	Orange City Council	3,865,043	1,336,220	5,201,263
NSW	Parkes Shire Council	4,883,575	2,377,062	7,260,637
NSW	Parramatta Council City of	6,783,527	2,188,076	8,971,603
NSW	Penrith City Council	7,879,831	2,845,682	10,725,513
NSW	Port Macquarie Hastings Council	6,550,863	3,366,450	9,917,313
NSW	Port Stephens Council	5,604,826	1,390,028	6,994,854
NSW	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	3,797,244	2,873,956	6,671,200
NSW	Randwick City Council	3,104,071	983,730	4,087,801
NSW	Richmond Valley Council	4,016,725	1,750,502	5,767,227
NSW	Ryde Council of the City of	2,940,634	1,049,682	3,990,316
NSW	Shellharbour Council of the City of	4,416,724	1,144,088	5,560,812
NSW	Shoalhaven City Council	9,188,996	3,937,601	13,126,597
NSW	Silverton Village Committee Incorporated	37,187	0	37,187
NSW	Singleton Council	2,849,182	1,521,917	4,371,099
NSW	Snowy Monaro Regional Council	7,451,509	3,091,974	10,543,483
NSW	Snowy Valleys Council	4,989,495	1,548,306	6,537,801
NSW	Strathfield Municipal Council	1,106,312	331,140	1,437,452
NSW	Sutherland Shire Council	5,092,503	2,218,257	7,310,760
NSW	Sydney Council of the City of	5,007,068	1,419,454	6,426,522
NSW	Tamworth Regional Council	6,654,458	4,786,756	11,441,214
NSW	Temora Shire Council	2,814,358	1,458,677	4,273,035
NSW	Tenterfield Shire Council	3,871,998	1,852,440	5,724,438
NSW	Tibooburra Village Committee Incorporated	83,503	0	83,503

NSW	Tweed Shire Council	8,048,321	3,222,258	11,270,579
NSW	Upper Hunter Shire Council	3,678,157	2,173,678	5,851,835
NSW	Upper Lachlan Shire Council	3,383,686	2,233,331	5,617,017
NSW	Uralla Shire Council	1,989,811	1,037,641	3,027,452
NSW	Wagga Wagga City Council	7,274,470	3,672,567	10,947,037
NSW	Walcha Council	1,953,974	1,050,229	3,004,203
NSW	Walgett Shire Council	5,479,577	2,176,431	7,656,008
NSW	Warren Shire Council	2,390,379	1,157,649	3,548,028
NSW	Warrumbungle Shire Council	5,421,216	2,733,739	8,154,955
NSW	Waverley Council	1,547,366	463,857	2,011,223
NSW	Weddin Shire Council	2,246,449	1,129,493	3,375,942
NSW	Wentworth Shire Council	4,677,475	1,950,693	6,628,168
NSW	Willoughby City Council	1,687,339	628,318	2,315,657
NSW	Wingecarribee Shire Council	3,365,694	2,162,703	5,528,397
NSW	Wollondilly Shire Council	2,471,491	1,557,951	4,029,442
NSW	Wollongong City Council	16,658,757	2,714,840	19,373,597
NSW	Woollahra Council of the City of	1,184,348	448,665	1,633,013
NSW	Yass Valley Council	2,059,591	1,562,076	3,621,667
<b>NSW Total</b>	<b>Total is a formula</b>	<b>602,491,370</b>	<b>247,925,346</b>	<b>850,416,716</b>

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