



PRIME MINISTER

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PAYMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam announced today that he had advised State Premiers that money allocated under the Local Government Grants Bill, 1974, was being paid today to the respective State Treasuries.

This follows the passage of the Bill through both Houses of Parliament last week. The Governor-General gave his assent to the Bill yesterday.

Mr Whitlam said that the assistance would be provided to each State in one lump sum payment. This was a special measure for 1974/75.

Mr Whitlam said he had asked the State Premiers for their co-operation in ensuring that these funds were paid promptly to the respective local government authorities.

The allocations for Councils in each State were announced on 23 August.

The allocations for Councils in each State are:

New South Wales:	\$21,359,000
Victoria:	\$14,630,000
Queensland:	\$8,954,000
South Australia:	\$4,774,000
Western Australia:	\$4,959,000
Tasmania:	\$1,669,000
total	<u>\$56,345,000</u>

Canberra. A.C.T.