For 2012-13, the Commonwealth Government will distribute a total of $2.19 billion to the States. South Australia will receive $148 million, which includes both a general purpose grant and local roads grant.

The general purpose funding for South Australia is $111 million. This funding is distributed to States on a per capita basis. South Australia’s share has been reducing as its population as a proportion of the national population declines.

The local roads funding for South Australia is $49.3 million, which includes special local road funding of $12.3 million. Local road funding is distributed to States based on those roads existing prior to the 1991-92 financial year. South Australia receives less than a per capita share of this funding.

In 2012-13, there were 68 councils, the Outback Communities Authority and five Aboriginal communities eligible for grants in South Australia.

State Entitlements: Total Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant Funding for Local Government 2012-2013 proportion as a per cent of total funding distributed

- NSW $685 million 31.3%
- VIC $516 million 23.5%
- QLD $433 million 19.7%
- WA $263 million 12.0%
- SA $148 million 6.8%
- TAS $70 million 3.2%
- NT $31 million 1.4%
- ACT $46 million 2.1%
The Supplementary Local Road Funding program is an additional allocation of road funding provided only to South Australia. This funding is provided to address (in part) the inequity that exists in the allocation of local roads funding to South Australia. South Australian councils maintain 11.5 percent of the nation’s local road network and receive only 5.5 percent of the national pool of grant funding.

As part of the Federal Budget in May 2011 the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, the Hon Wayne Swan MP announced the continuation of the Supplementary Local Road Funding. The extension of this funding will provide local government with $50.9 million over three years from 2011-12 to 2013-14.

In 2012-13, the Supplementary Local Road Funding program will provide $16.25 million, which will be distributed in the same manner as the identified local roads grants (i.e., 85 per cent proportionally allocated to formulae grants and 15 per cent to special local road grants).