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**LOCAL** Governments in the Hunter Region have received their first 2021-22 quarterly payment through the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grant program.

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region Hollie Hughes said the funding is untied, meaning that Councils can spend the grant according to their own local priorities.

"Local Governments are an important delivery partner for the Federal Government's economic stimulus packages, playing a critical role in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know the early payment is a valued support to Councils, particularly in regions that have faced the combined impacts of bushfire, drought, floods and COVID-19.

"Across the nation, Local Governments employ around 194,000 people and deliver a wide range of services in the cities, regional towns and remote areas of Australia.

"This support will continue to bolster Australia's economic recovery," said Senator Hughes.

Port Stephens Council will receive quarterly payments of \$895,952.

Assistant Minister for Local Government Kevin Hogan said a total of \$2.7 billion in untied Federal funding was allocated for Local Governments in 2021-22.

For more information, visit <https://www.regional.gov.au/local/assistance/index.aspx>.