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Question:

What proportion of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF) grant fund will be budgeted for remote Indigenous local governments?

Please provide examples of the types of remote local government infrastructure for which financial assistance will be available under the NHIF.

Answer:

All local governments across Australia are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF). The NHIF will assess applications for financial assistance from local governments from 1 July 2018. Combined applications from multiple local governments will also be accepted.

The NHIF will support local governments to build infrastructure to accelerate housing supply in critical areas of undersupply. Local governments across Australia will have the opportunity to access up to:

- \$600 million in concessional loans;
- \$225 million in equity investments; and
- \$175 million in grants.

The type of infrastructure and site preparation works that are likely to be supported by the NHIF include: transport links such as roads; water infrastructure such as wastewater/sewerage and stormwater; power and electricity network infrastructure; and site remediation works.