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Rocky roads to see \$2 million boost

MORE than \$6.5 million in funding for roads has been distributed to councils in North Queensland today.

The funds are part of \$100 million quarterly Roads to Recovery payment from the Federal Government.

Twenty-one councils, not including Rockhampton Council, across the district will share in \$6.5 million in funding in this round of payments which will be put towards local projects the specific councils have nominated for upgrades or repair work.

But Mayor Margaret Strelow has confirmed that Rockhampton hadn't missed

out on a piece of the funding pie.

According to Cr Strelow, Rockhampton will receive \$2,427,699 from the Roads to Recovery grant this year.

"This funding is allocated annually to each council ... as we routinely include it as an income item in our annual budget," Cr Strelow said.

"This type of funding goes towards general road reconstruction, but council will complete projects such as Stanwell Waroula Rd. Council is subject to an annual audit in this regard to ensure we meet the requirements of the fund.

"The figure generally stays the same every year with indexation except there is currently a 'doubling' of allocation and this has been in place for the last two years. All councils are getting the 'double up' and we are very grateful for the extra support."

Northern-based LNP Senator Ian Macdonald said every local council received Roads to Recovery funding under commitments made in the May 2016 Budget.

"Between 2014-15 and 2018-19, the government will distribute \$3.2 billion to councils nationwide," he said.