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NEW SOCIAL FUND GRANTS

Wide Range of Community Aid

The third and fourth allocations from the 1974 Community Social Fund Budget were announced today. They total £13,973,780 in Britain.

(A final announcement and a background note on the 1974 totals will be published from here in the New Year.)

Details of the grants in the United Kingdom are as follows:

1. TRAINING SERVICES AGENCY

£5,635,000

(Training opportunities scheme: "Tops")

Training and retraining of 13,000 unemployed persons including specifically young people under 25, who cannot find work, redundant older workers, and married women who wish to return to work. Available for schemes in the development areas as defined in Regional Development Fund map.

13,000 persons

Training will be carried out in government training centres, colleges of further education and employers training establishments.

2. TRAINING SERVICES AGENCY

£2,100,000

(Training in UK assisted areas)

This is a grant to the last part of a scheme now being phased out in favour of the "Tops" scheme (see 1 above). It involves the training of instructors, and of skilled and semi-skilled workers, including young persons and older workers.

Note: 1 and 2 together (the "Regional Claims") total £7,735,000.

Based on what has happened in the past a rough estimate of the regional breakdown might be:

Scotland	25 %	£1,933,750
Northern England	15 %	£1,160,250
Merseyside	10 %	£ 773,500
Rest of North West	15 %	£1,160,250
Yorks/Humberside plus		
Notts Derby coalfield	15 %	£1,160,250
Wales	15 %	£1,160,250
South West assisted areas	5 %	386,750

3. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT £3,100
(Key workers transfer scheme) 100 persons
4. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING £740,000
Board
3 schemes: 5,800 persons
- (I) Training and incomes support for unemployed young persons (from agriculture and other sectors) in certain assisted areas of very high unemployment
Scotland 350 young persons
Northern 65 " "
North West 140 " "
Wales 30 " "
- (II) Retrain unemployed chemical and mechanical engineers, geologists and physicists as civil engineers.
- (III) Provision of a training facility in Scotland, to relieve unemployment and under employment (jointly with the Scottish Special Housing Association).
5. FOOTWEAR, LEATHER AND FURSKIN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING BOARD £281,000
743 persons
Retraining unemployed (including 60 women over 35 years, 465 young persons aged under 18, and 200 handicapped persons).
The training of the young persons will take place in 11 centres:
Wellingborough Northampton
London (2 centres) Southfields, Leicester
Rossendale Kendal
Workington Stafford
Norwich Hinkley
6. WOOL, JUTE AND FLAX INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD £12,900
For training of instructors
7. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS £600,000
1,600 persons
"Community Industry Scheme", which provides training for employment for young persons suffering from lack of qualification or other disadvantages (handicapped, young offenders, broken homes, etc) in cities in assisted areas. Scheme provides employment and training for period of 16 to 24 weeks (exceptionally up to one year). Scheme started in 1972, has currently trained 900 young people, plus another 900 in training.
Grant is for schemes operating in:
Scotland: Dundee
Glasgow
N.Lanarkshire
Lower Clyde (Post Glasgow/Greenock)

Wales: Newport
England: Newcastle
Liverpool and Kirkby
Sunderland and Easington
Teeside and Hartlepool
South Tyneside
Hull

8. COUNCIL FOR SMALL INDUSTRIES IN RURAL AREAS (COSIRA) £64,305
SMALL INDUSTRIES COUNCIL FOR RURAL AREAS OF SCOTLAND (SICRAS) £18,850

Training mainly for young people in rural areas who
are unable to find employment in agriculture 3,544 persons
(both schemes)

9. HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Department of Health and Social Security and
Employment Service Agency

Training of disablement resettlement officers and
running rehabilitation assessment projects £518,625

GRANTS TO NORTHERN IRELAND

10. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SECURITY £4,000,000

Rehabilitation of handicapped persons

11. NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY BOARD £45,000
233 persons

Training of unemployed persons (166 from agriculture
and textiles, plus 77 others)

12. 7 GRANTS TO PRIVATE-SECTOR FIRMS

In following areas:

1.	1 in Belfast	(1,348 persons)	£427,000
2.	1 in Belfast	(57 persons)	£ 12,600
3.	1 in Co.Armagh	(151 persons)	£ 48,800
4.	1 in Co.Armagh	(156 persons)	£ 20,000
5.	1 in Co.Down	(118 persons)	£ 69,600
6.	1 in Co.Tyrone	(64 persons)	£ 11,000
7.	1 in Co.Tyrone	(81 persons)	£ 83,000

13. A further decision is expected on one further UK claim,
for migrant workers, mainly from the Commonwealth, and
their families. This will be worth about £2,500,000.

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