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REGIONAL FUND GRANTS OF £21m FOR UK

A new EEC Regional Fund allocation of £21m has just been announced for the United Kingdom. The finance contributes to infrastructure and capital investment projects in the less prosperous areas of the country. This allocation, which is the second for 1978, brings total Regional Fund expenditure in the UK to £194m since the fund's inception in 1975. A detailed list of the projects benefitting is attached.

As far as industrial projects are concerned, the new grants will contribute about half the cost of the investment assistance given by the British Government to the qualifying projects. The money is not paid directly to the companies concerned, but makes possible a larger volume of regional industrial development than if the government had to rely on national resources alone.

The Community grants towards infrastructure projects are passed on in full to the local and other public authorities concerned, so reducing the amount which they have to borrow to finance the investment in question.

The regional breakdown is as follows (Number of projects in brackets):

<u>United Kingdom</u>	<u>£m New allocation</u>	<u>£m Total since 1975</u>
N. England	6.27 (30)	53.48 (428)
N.E. England	0.25 (3)	19.42 (290)
Yorkshire & Humberside	0.28 (16)	8.94 (224)
E. Midlands	0.06 (1)	0.94 (37)
S.E. England	0.74 (4)	3.04 (94)
Scotland	4.51 (26)	49.98 (377)
Wales	4.39 (2)	31.19 (386)
N. Ireland	4.54 (2)	32.56 (144)
W. Midlands	-	0.01 (2)
Total	21.04 (84)	199.56 (1982)
Less revisions		5.47
		<u>£ 194.09m</u>

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NORTH OF ENGLAND

TOTAL AID £ 6 265 975

Infrastructure projects

Tynedale, Northumberland - Northumbrian Water Authority (construction of Kielder reservoir and Tyne-Tees-Wear aqueduct. This project was subject of earlier grants totaling £ 10,600,000 during 1975-1977) £ 5 214 500

29 investment projects included in a global application : £ 1 051 475

Durham

- Darlington, Yarm Road Industrial Estate (access road with foot paths and street lighting and construction of an electricity sub-station)
- Derwentside, Tanfield Lea Industrial Estate (provision of sewer, road and drainage facilities)
- Durham, Great Lumley (provision of electricity supplies to new pumping station and treatment plant)
- Easington, Roads A1086/B1283, Horden Junction (road communication in industrial area)
- Easington, Roads B1283/B1432, Rosemary Lane & Hospital Lane (road communication in industrial area)
- Easington, Road B1283, Harwell Plough to Pemberton Arms (road communication in industrial area)
- Sedgfield, Aycliffe Industrial Estate (construction of an access road)
- Sedgfield, Tudhoe Colliery Service Industrial Estate (provision of access road, main services, fencing and landscaping, installation of an electricity supply)
- Sedgfield, Chilton Industrial Estate (construction of a spur road, foul and surface water, drainage and water supply)
- Sedgfield, Furnace Pit Service Industry Industrial Estate (access road, sewers and other services)

Durham (cont.)

- Sedgfield, Western Ling Road, Spennymoor (improvement to road providing access to industrial estate areas)
- Sedgfield, Chilton Industrial Estate, Spennymoor (provision of foul and surface water sewers)
- Wear Valley, Leazes Lane Industrial Estate (provision of roads and sewers, landscaping and fencing works)
- Wear Valley, South Church Industrial Estate (provision of access road)

Northumberland

- Blyth Valley, Road B, Cramlington New Town (improved road communications with the industrial estates and the main road network : construction of distributor road)
- Wansbeck, Barrington Industrial Estate, Ashington (provision of roads and lighting)
- Wansbeck, Barrington Industrial Estate, Ashington (provision of roads and sewers)

Tyne & wear

- Gateshead, Pelaw Station Industrial Estate, Gateshead (site preparation, levelling and provision of drainage services)
- Gateshead MBC, Whinfield Industrial Estate, Gateshead (site preparation and provision of basic services, phase 2)
- Sunderland, Armstrong Industrial Estate, Washington (provision of roads, sewers, power supplies)
- Sunderland, Pattinson South Industrial Estate, Washington (reclamation of land)
- Sunderland, Pattinson North Industrial Estate, Washington (provision of roads and sewers)

TOTAL AID

£ 280 168

Cumbria

- Allerdale DC, Clay Flatts Industrial Estate, Workington
(installation of sewers and provision of site access roads)
- Allerdale DC/Copeland DC, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington
(installation of sewers, construction of estate access roads)
- Barrow in Furness DC, Barrow District Council new
Industrial Estate
(road improvement to facilitate access to industrial estate)
- Eden, Appleby Industrial Estate
(access road and services)
- Eden, Gilwilly Industrial Estate, Penrith
(installation of sewers and provision of site access roads)

Cleveland

- Langbaugh, Bolckow Road Industrial Estate, Grangetown
(provision of access roads and basic services)
- Middlesbrough, North East Ironmasters Site
(provision of electricity, telephones, water and gas services)

Infrastructure projectsGlobal application in respect of 16
investment projectsSouth Yorkshire

- Barnsley, Carlton Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads and sewers).
- Rotherham, Canklow Meadows Industrial Estate
(Construction of roads, sewers and provision
of other services).
- Rotherham, Eastwood Trading Estate
(Extension of trading estate. Site
stabilisation and roads).

North Yorkshire

- Hambleton, Leeming Bar Industrial Estate
(Servicing of estate)

West Yorkshire

- Bradford, Oldfield Treatment Plant
(Increase in water supplies to industry).
- Bradford, Rockhill Lane Bierley- Euroway
Industrial Estate
(Widening and improvement of access road).
- Leeds, Cross Green Industrial Estate
(Construction of service roads).
- Wakefield, Dale Lane, North Elmsall
(Widening and improvement of access road).
- Wakefield, Langthwaite Grange Industrial
Estate
(Provision of roads, sewers and surface water
balancing reservoir, improvements to beck).
- Wakefield, Minsthorpe Lane, South Kirkby
(Access road improvement).

NORTH WEST ENGLAND

Humberside

- Hull, Sutton Fields Industrial Estate
(Construction of roads and sewers).
- Hull, Cannon Street
(Reclamation of land for industrial
purposes. Land improvement).
- Hull, Kingston-upon-Hull
(Construction and re-lining of old sewers).
- Hull, Kingston-upon-Hull
(Improvement of access road to industrial
wharf).
- Hull, Sutton Fields Industrial estate
(Provision of roads and sewers).
- Bridlington, Carnaby Industrial Estate
(Provision of main services).

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£255 000

Infrastructure projects

- Wigan, Greater Manchester - North West Water Authority
(extension to the Hoscarr sewage treatment works)

£193 500

Aid is given under a global application to the following project:

- Skelmersdale, Pimbo Industrial Estate
(site preparation, making good old mine workings)
- Skelmersdale, Gillibrands Industrial Estate
(site preparation, making good old mine workings, access
road, sewers)

Total aid in respect of 2 infrastructure projects (global application)

£61 500

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£735 795

A. Industry projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects:

- Barnstaple, North Devon - Tuflin Ltd
(manufacture of valves)
- Barnstaple, North Devon - Arthur H. Cox & Co Ltd
(manufacture of pharmaceutical products)
- Falmouth, Cornwall - Duke & Ockenden Ltd
(manufacture of drilling rigs and equipment)

Total aid in respect of 3 industry projects (global application)

£576 000

B. Infrastructure projects

- Caradon, Cornwall - South West Water Authority
(construction of a reservoir and water works)

£159 795

EAST MIDLANDS

TOTAL AID £ 58 910.4

Infrastructure

- Chesterfield, Whittington Mill
(improvement of sewerage facilities for industrial estate)

Total aid in respect of 1 infrastructure project £ 58 910.4
(global application)

WALES

TOTAL AID (all projects) £ 4 392 684

Industry project

- Magor, Gwent - Whitbread & Co Ltd £ 1 418 684
(establishment of lager brewing, packaging and warehousing facilities to supplement the output of the company's other breweries. The packaging and warehousing facilities will serve the other breweries also).
- Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan - Hoover Ltd £ 2 974 000
(expansion of facilities within the existing Hoover plant and equipping a new Government factory on an adjacent site to increase the production capacity of washing machines and tumble dryers, begin production of dishwashers, top-loader washing machines and mini tumble dryers, and expand component production).

NORTHERN IRELAND

TOTAL AID £ 4,540,719

Industrial projects

Co. Londonderry

- Corelaine: AVX Corporation £ 1,355,600
(Modification of vacant factory and provision of equipment to provide manufacturing and research facilities for industrial ceramic capacitors and related products).
- Londonderry: Du Pont (UK) Ltd £ 3,185,119
(Conversion of the Neoprene operation for production of synthetic rubber at Maydown plant).

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND (contd)

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£4 511 831

A. Industry projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects:

- Bathgate, Lothian - Arthur Engineering (Bathgate) Ltd
(mechanical engineering)
- Blantyre, Strathclyde - Stock Alloys Ltd
(stockholding and profile cutting of stainless steel and heat corrosion resistant alloys)
- Cumbernauld, Strathclyde - J.L.G. Industries (UK) Ltd
(mobile hydraulic operated aerial platforms)
- Dundee, Tayside - White & Edwards Die Casting Co
(die casting in zinc and aluminium)
- East Kilbride, Strathclyde - How Fire Protection (Scotland) Ltd
(sprinklers and other fire protection systems)
- Linlithgow, Lothian - Thistle Plastics Ltd
(recycling of plastic waste)
- Livingston, Lothian - Arbrook Products Ltd
(manufacture of surgeons' latex gloves and other surgical and medical products)
- Livingston, Lothian - Abbey Chemicals Ltd
(manufacture of bentone)
- Montrose, Tayside - James Mills (Montrose) Ltd
(metal processing)
- Paisley, Strathclyde - Carlton Die Castings Ltd
(production of die castings of non-ferrous metals)
- Port Glasgow, Strathclyde - Clyde Canvas Goods & Structures Ltd
(manufacture of canvas goods)
- Skene, Grampian - Kingswells Body Builders Ltd
(vehicle bodybuilding)
- Whitburn, Lothian - Gilliland & Walker Ltd
(processing of bacon)

Total aid in respect of 13 industry projects (global application)

£1 824 676

B. Infrastructure projects

- Glasgow, Strathclyde - Strathclyde Regional Council
(modernisation and enlargement of Shieldhall sewage treatment works, Phase I) £886 500
- Fife and Tayside Regions - Fife Regional Council
(extraction of water from the River Earn in Tayside Region to add a further 15 million gallons per day of treated water to Fife Region's supply) £543 955

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects:

- Arbroath, Tayside Region
(construction of storm outfall)
- Ayr, Strathclyde Region
(construction of a pit into which both rail wagons and road vehicles can be discharged)
- Carlisle, Strathclyde Region
(provision of access road, footpaths, drainage etc for an industrial estate)
- Dechmont, Lothian Region
(construction of new covered service reservoir)
- Greenock, Strathclyde Region
(expansion of container terminal handling capacity and railhead improvements)
- Glenrothes, Fife Region
(provision of electricity supplies to new factories)
- Newbridge/Ingliston, Lothian Region
(provision of additional water supply)
- Prestonpans (Mid Road), Lothian Region
(provision of foul and surface water sewers)
- Renfrew, Strathclyde Region
(construction of an access road to enable port and port-associated development)
- Stirling (Bandeath), Central Region
(provision of access roads, water, drainage and other services)
- Wallyford, Lothian Region
(provision of roads, drainage, water and sewerage and other services for industrial estate)

Total aid in respect of 11 infrastructure projects (global application)

£1 256 700

TOTAL (all infrastructure projects)

£2 687 155