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European Regional Development Fund Awards Grants of 22 m.u.a.
(£ 9 Million) - UK Receives £ 3 Million

The Commission has just approved an additional allocation of grants from the European Regional Development Fund totalling 21.7 million u.a. (£ 9 million). The projects received the necessary favourable opinion from the Fund Management Committee in December, but for budgetary reasons the Commission's decision could not be taken before the New Year. The grants relate to 63 investment projects in Italy and the United Kingdom, with a total investment value of 169.62 m.u.a. (£ 70.7 million).

The attached tables give a national and regional breakdown of the aids granted. It is stressed however that the Fund is still in its early days and it would be premature at this stage to try to make any firm judgement of the impact it is making on the regions.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the money which will be paid to the governments in respect of these projects, though it is not in all cases passed on to the individual investor concerned, permits the governments to increase the total amount of investment in their development regions.

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Table 1

National Statistics : Financial aid in millions of units of account (rounded figures; figures in parentheses indicate the number of projects)

	I. Industrial Handicraft and Service		II. Infrastructure		III. Rural Infrastructure		IV. Totals	
	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 1976	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76
Belgium	-	0,89 (5)	-	3,15 (31)	-	-	-	£ 1.68m
Denmark	-	0,62 (9)	-	3,25 (25)	-	-	-	£ 1.61m
Germany	-	3,42	-	6,09 (35)	-	-	-	£ 3.96m
France	-	18,77 (179)	-	23,37 (47)	-	3,88(6)	-	£ 19.18m
Ireland	-	13,23 (52)	-	6,68 (53)	-	-	-	£ 8.3m
Italy	-	53,64 (60)	14,51 (16)	78,32 (41)	-	6,58(89)	14,53 (16)	£ 57.73m
Luxembourg	-	-	-	0,75 (1)	-	-	-	£ 0.31m
Netherlands	-	-	-	5,58 (3)	-	-	-	£ 2.33m
United Kingdom	6,65 (45)	35,97 (156)	0,55 (2)	53,14(414)	-	4,24(11)	7,20 (47)	£ 38.9m
TOTAL	6,65 (45)	126,54 (490)	15,06 (18)	180,33(650)	-	14,70(106)	21,71 (63)	£ 134m
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Table II

Regional Statistics: Financial aid in millions of units of account (rounded figures; figures in parentheses indicate the number of projects).

	I. Industrial Handi- craft & Service		II. Infrastructure		III. Rural Infrastructure		IV. Totals	
	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76	First allocation 1976	Total 1975 + 76
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>								
N. England	0,03 (2)	3,98 (36)	-	13,26 (70)	-	-	0,03 (2)	£ 7.08m
N.W. England	0,64 (1)	1,68 (16)	-	6,24 (49)	-	-	0,64 (1)	£ 3.30m
Yorkshire+Humberside	0,81 (7)	0,81 (7)	-	2,38 (43)	-	-	0,81 (7)	£ 1.33m
E. Midlands	0,12 (5)	0,12 (5)	-	0,27 (8)	-	-	0,12 (5)	£ 0.16m
W. Midlands	-	-	-	0,03 (1)	-	-	-	£ 0.01m
S.W. England	0,01 (1)	0,86 (10)	-	1,02 (34)	-	-	0,01 (1)	£ 0.78m
Scotland	1,43 (8)	10,59 (53)	-	10.24 (77)	-	4,24 (11)	1,43 (8)	£10.44m
Wales	0,15 (2)	1,11 (9)	-	13,91 (115)	-	-	0,15 (2)	£ 6.26m
N. Ireland	3,46 (19)	16,82 (20)	0,55 (2)	5,79 (17)	-	-	4,01 (21)	£ 9.42m
TOTAL	6,65 (45)	35,97 (155)	0,55 (2)	53,14 (414)	-	4,24 (11)	7,20 (47)	£38.89m
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Grants to the United Kingdom : £3,000,384 (First 1976 Allocation)

Below is the list of projects in the United Kingdom in respect of which grants have been made. The money will be paid to the United Kingdom Government in step with the Government's own expenditure on the projects concerned.

Northern England (2 Projects)

Total Aid : £13,095

Industrial Projects (Global Application)

Hartlepool - R.H.M. Food Ltd
Workington - Crystallised Confections (Tip Top) Ltd

North West England (1 Project)

Total Aid : £265,648

Industrial Project

Runcon - Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, Runcorn, Cheshire
(replacement of chlorine plant)

Yorkshire and Humberside (7 Projects)

Total Aid : £336,694

Industrial Projects (Global Application)

Bingley - Ellison Circlips Ltd (Metal Clips)
Bradford - Doulton Glass Industries Ltd
Huddersfield - Hirst Buckley Ltd (Printing)
Leeds - Selsons Ltd (Mining and Building Equipment)
Todmorden - S. Warman Ltd (Handling Pump Manufacturers)
Wakefield - E. Green and Sons Ltd
(1. Electric Resistance and Tube Manufacturers
2. Heat Transfer Equipment Manufacturers)

East Midlands (5 Projects)

Total Aid : £48,620

Industrial Projects (Global Application)

Heanor Gate - Colborn Group Ltd (Foods MFG.)
Heanor Gate - Alida Reclaimers Ltd (Plastic Products)
Somercotes - Montfort Ltd (Knitted Garments)
Sutton-in-Ashfield - Faun Ltd (Garment MFG.)
Sutton-in-Ashfield - United Lubricants

South West England (1 Project)

Total Aid : £3,867

Industrial Project

Tavistock - Brewster Precision Instruments (Soldering Equipment)

Wales (2 Projects)

Total Aid : £61,134

Industrial Projects (Global Application)

Clwyd - Wrexham - Accumatic Engineering Ltd (Metal Filter Manuf.)
Powys - Llanidloes - BSK (Aluminium) Ltd

Scotland (8 Projects)

Total Aid : £596,699

Industrial Projects (Global Application)

Kirkintilloch - Daniel Montgomery & Son Ltd (Bottle Closure Manuf.)
East Kilbride - F. P. Castings Ltd (Sports Goods)
Glasgow - Flexible Ducting Ltd (Plastic Processing)
Glasgow - Soleprint
Wishaw - Central Shearlines Ltd (Iron and Steel)
Shotts - Model Toys Ltd
Clydebank - J. B. E. Offshore Ltd
East Kilbride - McDonald Electric Ltd

Northern Ireland (21 Projects)

Total Aid : £1,674,627

A. Industrial Projects (Global Application -
19 Projects)

Banbridge - Belmont House Hotel
Bangor - Spence Bryson and Co Ltd (Tufted Carpets)
Ballinamallard - Brulon Guest House
Ballymena - Mr J. Lee (Hotels and Catering)
Belfast - Sterlings Hotel
Belfast - Hotel Drumkeen Ltd
Belfast - Olympia Business Machines
Bellanaleck - Lakeland Hotel
Craigavon - Andus Electronics
Coleraine - Lodge Hotel
Dungannon - Inn-on-the-Park
Eglinton - Glen House Hotel
Kesh - Lough Erne Hotel Ltd
Lisburn - Simms Steel Industries
Londonderry - Hotel Everglades Ltd
Londonderry - Lec Refrigeration (N.I.) Ltd
Londonderry - Arntz Belting Co Ltd
Newcastle - Slieve Donard Hotel
Newry - Glen Electric Ltd

Total aid in respect of 19 industrial projects: £1,443,627

B. Infrastructure Projects (Global Application - 2 Projects)

Antrim - Separate line to reinforce power supply for man-made
fibre concern outside Antrim
Bog Meadow, Campsie, Dungannon and Mallusk - Sub-stations to provide power
to industrial estates, firms
and consumers

Total aid in respect of 2 projects: £231,000

Total Aid to UK (47 Projects) : £3,000,384