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REGIONAL FUND GRANTS OF £22.7m

1st 1978 Allocation Announced

This year's first allocation of grants from the European Regional Development Fund amounts to £22.7m, bringing the total fund payments to the UK since the ERDF was established in 1975 to £173m. As far as industrial projects are concerned, these Community grants represent up to half the cost of UK Government assistance to a project.

Regional Fund grants to the companies concerned are not paid in addition to the assistance given by the Government, since it is not the purpose of the Fund to enable the individual investor systematically to get an additional grant from the Community over and above what he would have received from the Government in any case. If that were to be done generally, it would simply mean that the same number of investments was undertaken but selected individual companies each got more. The main objective of the Fund is rather to enable a larger volume of regional industrial development, and associated investment in infrastructure, to take place than would have been possible if the Government had 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, thus reducing the amount they have to borrow to finance the investment in question.

A list of the projects in respect of which grants have been approved is attached. (See stop-press page 16)

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NORTH OF ENGLAND

TOTAL AID

£ 1 991 794

Infrastructure projects (aid is given to 41 investment projects included in global applications)

Northumberland

- Alnwick, Amble Industrial Estate  
( Provision of roads and drainage)
- Alnwick, Amble Industrial Estate  
( Site preparation; provision of roads and services)
- Blyth, Blyth Harbour  
(Construction of new transit shed/warehouse)
- Blyth, Blyth Harbour  
(Provision of new cranes, improvement of quay and electricity supply)
- Blyth Valley, Kitty Brewster Industrial Estate  
(Provision of roads and services)
- Blyth Valley, Plessey North Moor and Plessey checks  
(Road providing access to industrial estate; A 1068)
- Blyth Valley, Cramlington  
(Drainage works on Horton Burn to develop industrial sites)
- Tynedale, Orchard Industrial Estate, Hexham  
(provision of roads, drainage and other services)
- Wansbeck, North Seaton Industrial Estate  
( Provision of roads, sewers and street lighting)

Cumbria

- Allerdale, Workington Dock  
(Provision of roads; drainage, water, electricity and telephone services; resurfacing of quayside for industrial site)
- Carlisle, Harker  
(Improvement of electricity supply network)
- Copeland, Dalton, Askam  
(Installation of new electricity substation)
- Copeland, Whitehaven Harbour  
(Provision of two cranes)
- South Lakeland, Hutton  
(Improvement of electricity supply network)

Tyne and Wear

- Gateshead, Birtley New Town Industrial Estate  
(Site preparation; provision of access roads and services)
- Gateshead, Green Lane Industrial Estate  
(Site preparation and provision of basic services)
- Gateshead, Pelaw Station Industrial Estate  
(Access road)
- North Tyneside, Davy Bank, Wallsend  
(Reclamation of derelict land for industrial development)
- Sunderland, Deptford Terrace to Hanover Place  
(Road providing access to industrial estates)
- Sunderland, Doxford Park Industrial Estate  
(Roads, sewers and services)
- Sunderland, Castletown  
(Road works, drainage and services for industrial estate)
- Sunderland, Leechmere West Industrial Estate  
(Site levelling, roads, drainage and services)
- Sunderland, Leechmere East Industrial Estate  
(Provision of roads, footpaths and lighting)
- Sunderland, Leechmere West, Industrial Estate  
(Levelling of land, provision of roads and drainage facilities for industrial estate)
- Sunderland, North Hylton Rd  
(Levelling of land, provision of access roads and drainage facilities)
- Sunderland, Pallion West Industrial Estate  
(Site preparation, provision of access roads and services)
- Sunderland, Salterfen Lane  
(Levelling roads, drainage and services for industrial estate)
- Sunderland, Port of Sunderland  
(Improvements to road system within dock area incorporating lighting and railway track)

Co. Durham

- Derwentside, Bradley Industrial Estate  
(Road construction and associated services to improve access)
- Derwentside, High Moorsley Reservoir and Belmont industrial site  
(Increased water supplies to industrial sites)
- Durham, Belmont  
(Expansion to sewerage facilities for industrial development)

Co. Durham (cont.)

- Sedgfield, Aycliffe Lane, Aycliffe Industrial Estate  
(Improvement to C39 access road by widening railway bridge)
- Sedgfield, Spennymoor  
(Increased electricity supply)

Cleveland

- Langbaurgh, Tees Dock  
(Construction of two berths, transit shed, paved storage space, road and rail access)
- Middlesbrough, North East Ironmasters Industrial Estate  
(Removal of main slag and building up 280 000 tons of embankment for industrial purposes)
- Middlesbrough, North East Ironmasters Industrial Estate  
(Reclamation of derelict land for industrial development)
- Middlesbrough  
(Provision of 10 km of piping to increase water supplies to industry)
- Stockton-On-Tees, Norton  
(Provision of transformers, switching equipment and cables to increase electricity supplies)
- Stockton, Salt Holme  
(New electricity supply substation)
- Stockton on Tees, Salt Holme  
(New electricity supply substation)
- Stockton-On-Tees, Seal Sands  
(Telephone exchange building, exchange equipment and lineplant).

NORTH WEST ENGLAND

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£3 779 310.46

Infrastructure projects

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

Cheshire

- Chester (Huntington Water Treatment Works)  
(extension of existing water treatment works)
- Ellesmere Port (Clayhill, Neston)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Ellesmere Port (Little Stanney)  
(roads for industrial estate)
- Ellesmere Port (Overpool, Central and Westminster areas of Port)  
(roads and services for industrial estate)
- Halton (Fiddlers Ferry)  
(Provision of two 240 MVA transformers, switching equipment & cables to increase supplies of electricity)
- Halton (St Michael's Road)  
(roads for industrial estate)
- Warrington (Gatesworth Farm)  
(roads, sewers and services for industrial estate)
  
- Ellesmere Port (Stanney Mill)  
(electricity supplies for industrial estate)
- Runcorn (Whitehouse)  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)
- Widnes (Dennis Road)  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)

Lancashire

- Blackburn (Roman Road)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Blackburn (Shadworth)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Blackburn (Thompson Street)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Burnley (Burnley-Brierfield Link)  
(bridgeworks and road improvement for industrial estate)
- Burnley (Heasandford)  
(access roads and services for industrial estate)
- Burnley (Rossendale Road)  
(access roads and services for industrial estate)
- Burnley (Smallshaw Sidings)  
(access road and services for industrial estate)

NORTH WEST ENGLAND (contd)

- Hyndburn  
(new sewage treatment works)
- Hyndburn (Altham Lane)  
(improvement of access roads to industrial estate)
- Hyndburn (Martholme)  
(trunk sewer for industrial development)
- Lancaster  
(conversion of judges' residence into three storey museum)
- Morecambe  
(new leisure centre, comprising recreation and entertainment facilities)
- Nelson (Lomeshaye)  
(roads for industrial estate)
- Nelson (Lomeshaye)  
(spur road to M65 and services for industrial estate)
- Wyre (Copse Road, Fleetwood)  
(link road to improve access to docks and industrial area)

Greater Manchester

- Manchester (Denton West)  
(rebuilding of a primary substation for electricity)
- Manchester (Hutchins Street)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial site)
- Manchester (Store Street)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial estate)
- Manchester (Stuart Street)  
(replacement of obsolete electricity switchgear for development in largely industrial area)
- Manchester (Trafford Park)  
(Installation of two new primary transformers to increase supply capacity to industrial area)
- Manchester (Wellock Street)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial area)
- Salford (Cleggs Lane, Worsley)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial site)
- Salford (Lower Broughton)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial estate)
- Salford (Trafford Road)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial site)
- Wigan (Chanters)  
(new roads, sewers and services for industrial estate)

Merseyside

- Knowsley  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)
- Liverpool (Gladstone River entrance)  
(new lock gates)

NORTH WEST ENGLAND (contd)

- Liverpool (Brasenose/St Johns Road)  
(electricity supplies for industrial estates)
- Liverpool (Gillmoss Estate)  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)
- Liverpool (Speke Industrial Park)  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)
- Liverpool (Kirkdale Road)  
(widening and realignment of road to improve access to industrial estate)
- Liverpool (Orrell Lane)  
(construction of surface water sewer)
- Liverpool (Aintree)  
(construction of flood relief sewer for industrial estate)
- Prescott (Knowsley)  
(provision of refuse treatment plant with transfer loading facilities for recycling material)
- Rainford (Mill Lane)  
(electricity supply for industrial estate)
- St Helens (Parr Street, Higher Parr Street)  
(improvement of link road between A58 and A570)
- Sefton (Brasenose)  
(road and footways, provision of water, sewerage, gas; electricity and telephone services)
- Sefton (Crowland Street, Canning Road)  
(improvement of estate roads and footpaths)
- St Helens  
(extension to increase electricity supplies)
- St Helens (Parr St, Higher Parr St)  
(Improvement of A58 road to dual carriageway standard and improvement of 4 main road junctions)
- St Helens (Marshalls Cross Rd, Peasley Cross Lane)  
(improvement of road access to industrial development)
- St Helens (Warrington New Rd)  
(reconstruction of railway bridge to improve access to industrial development)
- St Helens (Haresfinch)  
(new sewerage facilities)
- St Helens (Jackson St East, Baxters Lane East and West)  
(provision of roads, sewers and services on industrial sites)
- St Helens (Sandon Dock and Langton Dock Liverpool;  
Bridle Road Sefton; Jackson St St Helens)  
(new roads, sewers and services on industrial sites)

NORTH WEST ENGLAND (Contd)

- Wirral (Eastham Village)  
(Improvement of access to industrial areas by construction of a single carriageway to connect with the M531 motorway)
- Wirral (Eastham Locks)  
(provision of ship arrester gear at lock entrance)

Total aid in respect of all infrastructure projects                    £ 3 779 310.45



YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

TOTAL AID

£ 3 011 552

A. Infrastructure projects (5 global applications covering 28 investment projects)

North Yorkshire

- Scarborough, Stainsacre Industrial Estate  
(Site preparation)
- Scarborough, Whitby Upper Harbour  
(Dredging of harbour bed and reclamation of land)

South Yorkshire

- Barnsley, Aldham Industrial Estate  
(Provision of access roads)
- Barnsley, Carlton Industrial Estate  
(Provision of roads, sewers and services)
- Barnsley, Grange Lane Industrial Site  
(Provision of roads and sewers)
- Barnsley, Platts Common  
(Provision of roads and sewers)
- Barnsley, West Melton  
(Replacement of overhead electricity lines)
- Doncaster, Carcroft Industrial Estate  
(Widening of road, provision of water and gas services)
- Doncaster, Carcroft Industrial Estate  
(Provision of roads, sewers, power supplies)
- Doncaster, Carcroft Industrial Estate  
(Site preparation, construction of service roads)
- Doncaster, Shaw Lane  
(Reclamation of land for industrial purposes)
- Rotherham, West Melton  
(Replacement of existing overhead electricity line)

West Yorkshire

- Bradford, Canal road  
(Reclamation and servicing of land for industry)
- Bradford, Common Road Industrial Site  
(Site reclamation, provision of estate roads)
- Bradford, Walker Drive, Thornton Road  
(Site levelling, provision of roads and sewers for Industrial Estate)

- Bradford, Low Moor  
(Provision of services)
- Wakefield, Normanton Industrial Estate  
(Substations and associated mains work)
- Wakefield, Normanton Industrial Estate  
(Provision of roads, sewers and services)

HUMBERSIDE

- Boothferry, Goole Docks, Hamburg Yard  
(Improvement of port facilities)
- Boothfeery, Goole Docks Low End  
(Improvement of port facilities)
- Covenham  
(Water treatment works)
- Grimsby  
(Trunk Relief sewers)
- Grimsby, Immingham  
(Extension of gas main)
- Kingston-upon-Hull  
(Keldgate Reservoir to Beverley road trunk  
water main)
- Kingston-upon-Hull  
(roads, sewers, footpaths and provision of street  
lighting for industrial sites)
- Kingston-upon-Hull, River Hull improvement  
(Raising and strengthening of River Banks to prevent  
flooding)
- Kingston-upon-Hull, River Hull Tidal Surge Barrier  
(Flood protection by provision of a moveable barrier  
gate to be operated in the case of high surge tides)

EAST MIDLANDS

TOTAL AID

£ 40,055.7

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

- Chesterfield (Barlow Brook, Sheepbridge)  
river training and bridge works to prevent erosion  
and secure development of industrial estate)

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

TOTAL AID

£320,535.38

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

Cornwall

- Caradon (Station Road, Liskeard)  
(access road for industrial estate)
- Caradon (Callington, Moss Side)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Carrick  
(extension of telephone exchange)
- Carrick (Falmouth)  
(telephone exchange)
- Carrick (Mitchell)  
(radio station)
- Kerrier (Redruth)  
(radio station)
- Kerrier (Helston)  
(installation of exchange equipment)
- North Cornwall  
(extension of telephone exchanges)
- North Cornwall (Treskinnick Cross)  
(radio station)
- North Cornwall (Launceston)  
(telephone exchange)
- North Cornwall (Pennygillan)  
(extension of roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- North Cornwall (St Tudy)  
(telephone exchange)
- Penwith (St Just)  
(radio station)
- Penwith  
(extension of telephone exchange)
- Restormel (St Austell)  
(telephone exchange extension)
- Restormel (St Columb Major)  
(telephone exchange)
- Restormel  
(extension of telephone exchange)

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND (contd)

Devon

- Plymouth  
(telephone exchange)
- Plymouth  
(installation of exchange equipment)
- Plymouth (Plymbton)  
(telephone exchange extension)
- Plymouth (Belliver)  
(roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- North Devon (Ilfracombe, Mullacott Cross)  
(roads, water, sewerage gas and electricity for industrial estate)
- West Devon (Hatherleigh)  
(access roads for industrial estate)

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

£320 535.38

SCOTLAND

TOTAL AID

£4 766 227.08

A. Infrastructure projects

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

Central Region

- Alloa, Alva Industrial Estate  
(water and drainage)
- Alloa, Alloa and Tillicoultry Industrial Estates  
(water and drainage)
- Falkirk  
(water and drainage for industrial estate)
- Falkirk, Tamfourhill Industrial Estate  
(access road, water and drainage)
- Stirling  
(water supplies to tourist centres - Cartmore, Ruskie and Shian to Kepculloch schemes)
- Stirling, Springkerse Industrial Estate  
(water and drainage)

Dumfries & Galloway Region

- Stranraer Harbour  
(new facilities for handling vehicle ferry traffic - reclaim land, new berth with double level, double carriageway, loading ramp, vehicle standing area)

Fife Region

- Methil Docks  
(new distributor road to improve access to industrial site)

Strathclyde Region

- Helensburgh  
(new marina for berthing yachts)

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

£1 950 480

SCOTLAND (contd)

Aid is given under a global application in mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas to the following projects:

- Barvas, Isle of Lewis  
(new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme)
- Carnach, North Uist  
(new single track road to serve crofting community)
- Grampian Region  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Highland Region  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Orkney  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Shetland  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Stoneybridge North, South Uist  
(new single track road to serve crofting community)
- Strathclyde Region  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Tayside Region  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)
- Western Isles  
(provision of electricity supplies to remote areas)

Total aid in respect of all infrastructure projects in mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (global application)

£1 874 700

B. Industry project

- Shotts - Strathclyde, Cummins Engine Company Ltd\*  
(The expansion of a factory producing diesel engines which will double the factory space by a virtual rebuilding of the existing plant. New plant and machinery will be provided)

£941 047.08

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\*Note: This Decision complements that of December 1977 to grant £3 328 984 for this project. The two figures should therefore be added together.

TOTAL AID

£ 5,108,950

Infrastructure projects (aid is given under global applications to 24 investment projects)

Clwyd

- Bangor on Dee,  
Rockcliffe (Flint)  
and Ffynnongroew  
(Ffynnongroew By Pass; A 548 at Rockcliffe;  
A 525 Bangor-on-Dee By Pass)
- Rhyl  
(Tourist Suncentre; water areas, artificial  
beaches, overhead monorail, etc.)

Gwynedd

- Amlwch  
Amlwch Industrial Estate  
(Estate road to additional industrial land)
- Conwy, Talycafn  
(Demolition and reconstruction of bridge  
for industrial works)
- Holyhead, Anglesey  
(Provision of multipurpose facilities in the  
Inner Harbour and road haulage vehicle and  
passenger facilities at Salt Island)
- Meirionnydd  
(Narrow gauge railway line between  
Porthmadog (N.W. Wales coast) and Blaenau  
Ffestiniog)

Powys

- Newtown  
(Improvement to A 489 Kerry Road)

Dyfed

- Llanelli  
(Improvement to: A 4138 road linking industrial  
Llanelli with the M 4)
- Llanelli  
Dyfatty  
(Bury Port Flood Prevention Scheme)

West Glamorgan

- Gurnos  
(Access road to industrial site on reclaimed  
land and to provide access to coal recovery site)

West Glamorgan (cont.)

- Swansea  
(Improvement of A 483 Trunk Road and junction with the slip road leading to Swansea dock)
- Swansea  
(New access road to industrial sites)
- Swansea  
(New Road : New Cut-Dyffatty - Phase 1)

Mid Glamorgan

- Merthyr Tydfil  
Dix's Field Industrial Site  
(Roads, sewers, access roads)
- Pontlottyn,  
Pontypridd  
(Improvement to A 469, Merchant Street and A 4058 roads)

South Glamorgan

- Cardiff  
(New link road between Eastern Avenue and Newport Road as first stage of linking docks and industrial area with main road network east of Cardiff)
- Cardiff  
(Improvement to part of Ferry Road)

Gwent

- Blackwood  
(Access roads and services to industrial sites)
- Blaenau Gwent  
Cwmtillery Valley  
Industrial Site  
(Roads, sewers and services)
- Blaenau Gwent  
Noble Square  
(Provision of industrial site and Road improvement)
- Blaenau Gwent  
Rassau Ind. Estate  
(Provision of site infrastructure works, incl. roads, services)
- Blaenau Gwent, Waunllwyd  
(Improvement to A 4047 road to enhance industrial development)
- Tredegar, Crown Avenue  
(Installation of roads and sewers on industrial site)
- Tredegar, Abertillery  
(Improvement of A 4048 and A 467 roads).



NORTHERN IRELAND

TOTAL AID

£ 3,694,475.44

Infrastructure projects (global application  
containing 5 investment projects) 3,095,738

- Belfast  
(New service road)
- Belfast  
(Extension of telephone exchange)
- Larne  
( Harbour development)
- Londonderry  
(Harbour development)
- Portavogie, Co. Down  
(Harbour development)

Industrial project £ 598,737.44

- Lurgan, Co. Armagh : UK Optical Co.Ltd.  
(Factory making ophthalmic lenses and frames)

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Humberside

- Kingston-upon-Hull, Sutton Fields Industrial Estate  
(substations and associated mains work)
- North Wolds, Carnaby Industrial Estate,  
(substation and associated main work)