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GRANTS OF £185M UNDER SOCIAL FUND

Third allocation for 1982

The European Commission has announced a further allocation of £185m for training and retraining schemes in the United Kingdom under the European Social Fund. So far this year, Britain has been allocated about one third of the total grant finance from the Fund. In line with Community policy, aid has been concentrated particularly on training of young people, with £90.6m devoted to this sector. A further £62.5m is allocated to training operations in those regions with the most serious unemployment problems and £18.6m for a variety of training schemes for handicapped people.

Among numerous successful applications from British local authorities, Greater Manchester Council receives nearly £3m for remedial training for adults, including literacy skills for the unemployed or those threatened with redundancy; this scheme is designed to help 26 400 people.

Aid allocated to Britain under the Women's section of the Social Fund is comparatively small because other schemes apply both to men and women (40 per cent of those trained under the general schemes are women), but this latest batch includes grant aid for training young women in construction skills, as engineering technicians, in micro-electronics and in motor vehicle maintenance.

Three new pilot projects which have been agreed include the Stonebridge Bus Depot Training Programme in the London Borough of Brent (grant of £135 000), where a package of vocational training courses will be initiated and run by local youngsters in an area which has a 50 per cent unemployment rate among young black people.

How the Social Fund works

A training scheme must have financial support from a public authority, in order to be eligible for assistance from the Social Fund. For schemes run by public authorities themselves, the Commission will meet up to half the cost of the project, while for schemes run by private organisations the Commission may match public authority support. Grants are made under Articles 4,5 and 7 of the Social Fund.

Article 4

Under this Article, the Fund can assist with training or retraining of particular groups of workers: people leaving agriculture, leaving the textile industry, or acquiring new skills in that area; migrant workers moving between member states or from third countries; young people under 25 years of age looking for their first job; or women over the age of 25 who are unemployed or seeking a return to work after having a family.

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Article 5

Under this Article, the Fund can help workers in regions of the Community where unemployment is particularly serious, such as Northern Ireland ('absolute priority region'). For the UK, priority is also given for training and re-training required as a result of technical progress; to help workers who are the victims of changes in particular industries which lead to altered labour needs; and to rehabilitate and train the disabled to compete on the open market.

Article 7

Under Article 7 of the Social Fund support is given to pilot or experimental projects which may lead to normal Social Fund training programmes.

In the UK, most applications for assistance from the Fund are made by the Manpower Services Commission, which has had support for the Youth Opportunities Programme, Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS) and a number of other schemes concerned with helping the unemployed and young people entering the job market, especially in poorer regions. Grants are also requested by other public bodies such as the Industrial Training Boards and local authorities. However, applications have increasingly come from private companies and voluntary bodies supporting local unemployment and training initiatives.

Details of individual grants in the latest allocation are listed below. These are for one year's duration.

Article 4 - Textiles

1. Vocational training of unemployed persons in textile and clothing industries in North West (Lancashire), Yorkshire, Scotland and Northern Regions (being regions of above average unemployment) for new employment. (Persons concerned: 1500) Manpower Services Commission (TSD)	£2,905,580
2. Management training programmes, (Persons concerned: 44) Northern Ireland Training Executive	£ 12,979
3. Training in higher skills to meet new technology developments tenters-cutters-craft-skills. (Persons concerned: 84) Northern Ireland Training Executive	£ 44,598
4. Training in higher skills to meet new technology developments, garment making, management training schemes, instructional techniques. (Persons concerned: 44) Northern Ireland Training Executive	£ 13,254

Article 4 - Migrants

1. Courses of specialised teaching designed to promote transition to normal schooling given to children of migrant workers. (Persons concerned: 55 093) Home Office and Local Authorities	£7,568,804
2. Language tuition for Vietnamese refugees to enable their integration into the UK. (Persons concerned: 95) Lothian Regional Council	£ 30,500
3. Language training for Vietnamese refugees to aid their integration into their social and working environment. (Persons concerned: 175) Hampshire County Council	£ 18,500

Article 4 - Women

1. Vocational training of women aged 25 or over in dress, embroidery and design skills. (Persons concerned: 6) Leicestershire County Council	£ 6,098
2. Pre-employment training/preparation for work induction and skills training for unemployed women over 25 in carpentry. (Persons concerned: 38) Lambeth Women's Workshop	£ 28,138
3. Training for unemployed women over 25 in basic skills traditionally held by men. (Persons concerned: 50) Chelmer Institute of Higher Education, Chelmsford	£ 98,250
4. Training in marketing for unemployed women over 25. (Persons concerned: 15) The Hatfield Polytechnic	£ 13,560
5. New opportunities for women and accountancy foundation course for unemployed women over the age of 25. (Persons concerned: 20) The Hatfield Polytechnic	£ 15,715
6. Training of unemployed women over 25 in basic construction skills. (Persons concerned: 12) Hall Green Technical College, Birmingham	£ 58,537

Article 4 - Women (cont'd)

7. Vocational training of unemployed women over 25 in jobs where women are under-represented. (Persons concerned: 60) London Borough of Southwardk	£ 114,110
8. Training of unemployed women over 25 in building maintenance. (Persons concerned: 14) Norfolk County Council	£ 25,919
9. Training of unemployed women over 25 as engineering technicians. (Persons concerned: 14) Norfolk County Council	£ 25,429
10. Basic and advanced training in micro-electronics for unemployed women over 25 to enable their entry into jobs where women are under-represented. (Persons concerned: 114) Leeds City Council	£ 64,220

Article 4 - Young people

1. Youth Opportunities Programme in restructuring zones and youth unemployment priority regions. vocational preparation schemes. (Persons concerned: 183,987) Manpower Services Commission	£57,385,899
2. New style training places programme - vocational training and vocational preparation for first job seekers under 18 - restructuring zones. (Persons concerned: 33,822) Manpower Services Commission	£20,000,000
3. Community Industry in restructuring zones and youth unemployment priority regions: programmes for unemployed young people under 25. (Persons concerned: 7,262) Manpower Services Commission	£2,516,683
4. Vocational preparation for first job seekers under 25 in Northern Ireland (Youthway and work preparation courses). (Persons concerned: 5,000) Department of Education for Northern Ireland	£4,950,000
5. Highly skilled training for girls under 18 in professions where they have been traditionally under-represented, Engineering Industry Training Board (1st year). (Persons concerned: 250) Manpower Services Commission	£ 502,500
6. Highly skilled training for girls under 18 in professions where they have been traditionally under-represented, Engineering Industry Training Board (2nd year). (Persons concerned: 110) Manpower Services Commission	£ 55,000
7. Skilled training for first job seekers under 25 in freight forwarding - restructuring zones. (Persons concerned: 40) Manpower Services Commission	£ 15,000
8. NCC computer programming training scheme for first job seekers under 25 in restructuring zones. (Persons concerned: 120) Manpower Services Commission	£ 43,200
9. Experimental linked work and training programme for young first job seekers under 18. (Persons concerned 75) Industrial Experience Projects Ltd (Index), St. Helen's, Lancs.	£ 70,000

Article 4 - Young people it'd)

10. Vocational training for first job seekers under 25 aimed at improving local training structures. (Persons concerned: 16) South Yorkshire County Council	£	25,117
11. Skilled training for first job seekers under 25 in a youth unemployment priority region. (Persons concerned: 2) West Cumbria Training Association	£	335
12. Aid to promote the employment of young people under 25 in a restructuring zone. (Persons concerned: 25) Greater Manchester Youth Association	£	10,882
13. Work experience for unemployed people under 25 on projects fulfilling a public need which would not otherwise be met - Northern Ireland. (Persons concerned: 60) Community Service Volunteers	£	9,945
14. Work experience for unemployed young people under 25 on projects fulfilling a public need which would otherwise be met - GB restructuring zones and youth unemployment priority regions. (Persons concerned: 420) Community Service Volunteers	£	63,286
15. Young offenders programme - vocational preparation for first job seekers under 25 - restructuring zones. (Persons concerned: 85) Community Service Volunteers	£	26,957
16. Vocational training for first job seekers under 25 in Northern Ireland. (Persons concerned: 949) Northern Ireland Training Executive	£1,056,067	
17. Highly skilled training for girls under 18 as engineering technicians. (Persons concerned: 20) West Midlands County Council	£	44,370
18. Skilled training in electronics and computing for women under 25. (Persons concerned: 30) Leeds City Council	£	38,525
19. Skilled training for women under 25 in motor vehicle maintenance. (Persons concerned: 30) Handsworth Technical College, Birmingham	£	23,450
20. First year training in engineering for first job seekers under 25 in a restructuring zone. (Persons concerned: 60) Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£	87,000
21. Skilled training in building industry of first job seekers under 25 in a restructuring zone. (Persons concerned: 45) City of Glasgow District Council	£	50,000
22. Skilled training of first job seekers under 25 in a restructuring zone. (Persons concerned: 24) Clwyd Apprentice Training Association	£	29,600
23. On-the-job training for young people under 25 in a youth priority region. (Persons concerned: 16) Cheshire County Council	£	3,517

Article 4 - Young people (cont'd)

24. Aid to promote recruitment of young people under 25 by means of additional jobs in restructuring zones:		
Persons concerned: 150 - Cleveland County Council	£	32,647
Persons concerned: 43 - Mid Glamorgan County Council	£	9,350
Persons concerned: 80 - South Tyneside Borough Council	£	8,700
Persons concerned: 100 - Peterlee Development Corporation	£	40,800
Persons concerned: 100 - Easington District Council	£	40,809
25. Aid to promote the recruitment of young people under the age of 25 by means of additional jobs in youth unemployment priority regions:		
Persons concerned: 100 - Dyfed County Council	£	43,530
Persons concerned: 16 - Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council	£	3,696
Persons concerned: 25 - Arfon Borough Council	£	10,882
Persons concerned: 150 - Cumbria County Council	£	34,655
26. Skilled training for first job seekers in Northern Ireland. (Persons concerned: 77) Northern Ireland Electricity Service	£	203,710
27. Training for skills programme; skilled training of 1st job seekers under 25 in restructuring zones; training aids. (Persons concerned: 3,450) Manpower Services Commission	£2,949,481	
28. Demonstration project of new linked work and training scheme for first job seekers under 25. (Persons concerned: 200) Manpower Services Commission	£	250,000

Article 5 - Regions

1. Non continuous programme of remedial training for adults, including basic literacy skills for the unemployed, under employed or those threatened with redundancy, in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 26,400) Greater Manchester Council	£2,979,768	
2. Continuous training of persons threatened with unemployment and for whom jobs are being maintained in a priority region (Scotland). (Persons concerned: 115) Construction Industry Training Board	£	31,150
3. Non continuous training of unemployed workers for assured jobs in a priority region (Glasgow). (Persons concerned: 102) Commonwealth Holiday Inns of Canada Ltd.	£	19,300
4. Non continuous training programme for unemployed persons and persons threatened with redundancy for whom a job is assured or maintained in a priority region (Durham). (Persons concerned: 280) The Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company Limited	£	58,050
5. Non continuous training and retraining of unemployed recruits and employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs within the company in priority regions (N.E., N.W., Scotland, Wales). (Persons concerned: 90) Pump Maintenance Ltd	£	29,312
6. Provision of wage subsidy to small firms to assist with the recruitment of unemployed persons into new jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 125) Highland Regional Council	£	48,750

Article 5 - Regions (cont'd)

7. Wage subsidy to employers of less than 25 persons who recruit unemployed persons to fill new jobs and to other employers who recruit persons unemployed for 6 months or more in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 320) Tyne and Wear County Council	£ 100,000
8. Provisions of salary subsidy to small firms in Trafford to recruit unemployed persons in small firms of under 25 persons in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 75) Trafford Borough Council	£ 33,750
9. Provision of a wage subsidy to assist the recruitment of unemployed workers to new jobs in small firms in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 200) Borough of Torfaen	£ 78,000
10. Provision of wage subsidies for new jobs for the unemployed in small firms employing less than 25 people and for new jobs created in larger firms for those unemployed over 6 months in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 100) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£ 32,900
11. Non continuous programme of resettlement with retraining of redundant workers for assured jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 10) Central Electricity Generating Board (South West Region)	£ 40,000
12. Non continuous programme of resettlement with retraining of redundant workers for assured jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 142) Central Electricity Generating Board (North East Region)	£ 205,055
13. Non continuous programme of resettlement with retraining of redundant workers for assured jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 110) Central Electricity Generating Board (North West Region)	£ 142,641
14. Non continuous vocational training programme for unemployed persons for assured employment in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 19) Liverpool, Knowsley, Wirral and Sefton Metropolitan Districts of Merseyside	£ 181,126
15. Non continuous recruitment and training of the unemployed for assured employment in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 57) City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£ 197,677
16. Non continuous programme of recruitment and training of unemployed persons for assured jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 58) West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council	£ 108,990
17. Non continuous training programme for unemployed persons for assured employment in additional jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 30) Bradford College	£ 33,750
18. Continuous programme of training for unemployed people for assured jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 50) Scottish Development Agency	£ 50,000
19. Continuous training of employed persons in higher skills in a first priority region. (Persons concerned: 1,517) Northern Ireland Training Executive	£ 400,345

Article 5 - Regions (cont'd)

0. Non continuous training programme for unemployed people for new assured jobs in a priority region (Durham). Persons concerned: 32) Peter Dual Ltd	£ 7,500
21. Non continuous training of unemployed persons and persons threatened with unemployment for assured jobs in a priority region (Lancashire). (Persons concerned: 176) Automotive Products Limited	£ 13,935
22. Continuous programme of training of unemployed persons for new jobs, employed persons threatened with unemployment and employed persons for higher level skills. (Persons concerned: 8,000) Private Industrial Undertakings in Northern Ireland, Department of Economic Development (lately Department of Manpower Services)	£5,000,000
23. Continuous operations involving recruitment and creation of jobs for unemployed people in small firms and to encourage larger firms to recruit the long term unemployed. (Persons concerned: 1,000) Tayside Regional Council	£ 507,000
24. Continuous training programme for unemployed persons entering the electrical contracting industry with assured employment in priority regions. (Persons concerned: 1,500) Joint Industry Board for the electr. contract. industry	£ 875,000
25. Continuous recruitment programme involving job creation for persons unemployed for 6 months and for unemployed persons in firms employing less than 25 persons in a priority region (Scotland). (Persons concerned: 125) Highlands and Islands Development Board	£ 48,750
26. Non continuous programme for pre-training remedial and further training to assist the less able unemployed, under-employed and those threatened with unemployment in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 582) Merseyside Training Limited	£ 286,086
27. Continuous programme of training of unemployed persons in a region of first priority. (Persons concerned: 811) Northern Ireland Department of Education	£ 684,512
28. Scheme of wage subsidy to small firms to assist with recruitment of unemployed people into new permanent jobs in a priority region. (Persons concerned: 300) West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council	£ 128,700

Article 5 - Technical Progress

1. Training in microelectronic and information technology to counter-act shortage of skilled labour. (Persons concerned: 70) Southwark Microtech, London Borough of Southwark	£ 85,060
2. Retraining of workers as a result of new technology to meet a shortage of skilled labour. (Persons concerned: 955) Printing and Publishing ITB	£ 169,788
3. Training for new and higher skills of people threatened with unemployment following the introduction of new technology and the creation of new jobs involving such new technology. (Persons concerned: 361) Engineering Industry Training Board	£ 609,211

Article 5 - Technical ess (cont'd)

4. Additional training involving substantial changes in vocational knowledge and skill requirements for the introduction of significant new technology to prevent redundancies. (Persons concerned: 450) National Water Council for 10 regional water authorities	£1,049,981
5. Additional training involving substantial changes in vocational knowledge and skill requirements for the introduction of significant new technology to prevent redundancies. (Persons concerned: 50) National Water Council for 28 statutory water authorities	£ 36,500
6. Training programme for unemployed people in information and related technologies and its application to local industries. (Persons concerned: 30) Information Technology Centre (Leicester) Ltd	£ 55,000
7. Training and retraining of employees, otherwise threatened with redundancies, in skills to meet the needs of significant introduction of new technology within the company. (Persons concerned: 75) Anderson Strathclyde Ltd, Motherwell	£ 197,277
8. Vocational training programme for young unemployed people in a range of new technology skills. (Persons concerned: 60) Staffordshire County Council	£ 60,140
9. Training for employed persons to increase skill and prepare vocationally for jobs in computing and business administration in small firms employing up to 300 people. (Persons concerned: 40) New Work Trust Co. Ltd, Bristol	£ 18,254
10. Training for young people to prepare vocationally for jobs in computing and business administration and to help meet the needs of local industry. (Persons concerned: 20) New Work Trust Co. Ltd, Bristol	£ 91,692

Article 5 - Handicapped

1. Employment rehabilitation carried out at centres of the division in respect of disabled people. (Persons concerned: 12,555) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£8,828,753
2. Young persons' work preparation courses at employment rehabilitation centres of the employment service division of the MSC in respect of disabled people. (Persons concerned: 1,042) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 710,840
3. Employment rehabilitation for certain categories of severely disabled people at agency centres who cannot be catered for at centres of the division. (Persons concerned: 603) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 839,263
4. Special aids to employment scheme. Adaptations to premises and equipment scheme. (Persons concerned: 743) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 203,401
5. Job introduction scheme to encourage provisions by employers of a trial employment period with training for certain disabled people enabling them to prove their work capabilities related to assisted areas. (Persons concerned: 574) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 90,889

Article 5 - Handicapped (cont'd)

6. Assistance to train disabled people in TSD's skillcentres in colleges of further education in private colleges and in employers' establishments. (Persons concerned: 1,959) Manpower Services Commission, Training Services Division	£4,571,911
7. Training of disabled people for open employment in four colleges for disabled other than blind, two centres for deaf, professional training scheme, training of instructors of disabled people. Assisted areas. (Persons concerned: 398) Manpower Services Commission, Training Services Division	£1,079,961
8. Rehabilitation and training of mentally handicapped for open employment and integration into society. (Persons concerned: 110) Brothers of Charity, Thingwall Hall, Liverpool	£ 377,091
9. Rehabilitation and training of psychiatrically handicapped people for employment in the open market. (Persons concerned: 20) Southampton Industrial Therapy Organisation	£ 15,000
10. Vocational preparation and training of handicapped young people. (Persons concerned: 40) Derwen Training College for the disabled	£ 307,871
11. Training of handicapped people for the open labour market. (Persons concerned: 40) London Borough of Redbridge	£ 37,605
12. Vocational adaptation or readaptation of handicapped persons. (Persons concerned: 1,040) Northern Regional Health Authority	£ 299,500
13. Pre-employment training and functional rehabilitation of handicapped people. (Persons concerned: 50) Sunderland Borough Council	£ 47,113
14. Demonstration project in employment, rehabilitation carried out at a centre of the division (North-Staffordshire employment rehabilitation centre) in respect of disabled people. (Persons concerned: 200) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 185,150
15. Demonstration project in employment rehabilitation carried out at a centre of the division (Birmingham Employment Rehabilitation Centre) in respect of disabled people. (Persons concerned: 140) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 275,750
16. Demonstration project in employment rehabilitation carried out at a centre of the division (Killingworth Employment Rehabilitation Centre) in respect of disabled people. (Persons concerned: 200) Manpower Services Commission, Employment Services Division	£ 169,000
17. Pre-employment training of handicapped people for open employment. (Persons concerned: 14) The Spastic Society	£ 22,593
18. Demonstration project for the training of physically handicapped people in order to facilitate their employment in the open economy. (Persons concerned: 50) London Borough of Southwark	£ 106,507

Article 5 - Handicapped (cont'd)

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| 19. Demonstration training project for handicapped young people.
(Persons concerned: 200)
Kirklees Metropolitan Council | £ 78,353 |
| 20. Vocational experience scheme for the handicapped on and off the
job. (Persons concerned: 20)
Barnsley Educational Authority | £ 25,167 |
| 21. Extended education and work preparation course for the
educationally sub-normal. (Persons concerned: 41)
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council | £ 31,590 |
| 22. Vocational training of young handicapped people to facilitate
their employment in the open market.
(Persons concerned: 66)
Metropolitan Borough of Oldham | £ 23,460 |
| 23. Extended education and work preparation course for handicapped
young people. (Persons concerned: 32)
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council | £ 28,160 |
| 24. Vocational training for handicapped persons.
(Persons concerned: 165)
Lothian Regional Council | £ 112,927 |
| 25. Demonstration project for the training of handicapped young
people in order to facilitate their entry into the open labour
market. (Persons concerned: 200)
City of Bradford Metropolitan Council | £ 175,804 |

Article 7 - Pilot schemes

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| 1. Training and information course for older, handicapped and
redundant managers. (30 people concerned).
Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Management Centre | £ 29,070 |
| 2. Basic education in numeracy and new technology for 30 disadvantaged
adults.
Friends Centre, Brighton | £ 192,000 |
| 3. Provision of management and technical skills for a training
project at Stonebridge Bus Depot Training Programme in the
London Borough of Brent. Persons concerned: 30 | £ 135,620 |

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