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GRANTS OF £29m UNDER SOCIAL FUND

Third UK allocation for 1983

The European Commission has announced an allocation of £29 134 115 for training and retraining schemes in the United Kingdom under the European Social Fund. A major feature of this tranche is the continued support it is providing to a series of employment promotion schemes sponsored by various local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales. As a complement to national training schemes, such direct assistance to employment projects developed by local authorities has been one of the more notable features of the Fund's activities in the United Kingdom over the last three years. The aim of such schemes is to provide financial assistance for both (a) the promotion of job opportunities generally for the long-term unemployed (i.e. more than 6 months without a job), and (b) the recruitment of any jobless people, irrespective of the length of their unemployment, by firms employing a staff of 25 or less.

"Ultimately it is in local communities that most people are educated and trained and look for jobs" said Mr Ivor Richard, Commission member responsible for the Fund. That was why so much Fund expenditure was being channelled into local initiatives.

In this latest tranche, some £4.3 million has been earmarked by the Fund for aid schemes undertaken by local authorities (10 in England, 8 in Scotland, 4 in Wales). Examples of these include £477,000 which will help Merseyside County Council find an estimated 1,605 jobs for unemployed people, £78,000 for the creation of 200 jobs in a scheme sponsored by Torfaen Borough Council (Wales), and £2.2 million to a grouped application from three Scottish authorities (Strathclyde Regional Council, Central Regional Council, Highlands Regional Council), where over 4,000 jobless will benefit. All in all, the total number of unemployed benefitting from local authority schemes in the United Kingdom financed by this tranche is just over 10,000.

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.

In the UK, most applications 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.

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MIGRANTS

- <u>Home Office and local authorities:</u> practical language courses for adult migrant workers. (7171 persons)	£ 405 000
- <u>Home Office and local authorities:</u> specialised teaching designed to promote transition to normal schooling given to children of immigrant workers. (46 394 persons)	£ 6 450 000
- <u>Lothian Regional Council:</u> language tuition for Vietnamese refugees. (160 persons)	£ 48 900
- <u>Hampshire County Council:</u> language training for Vietnamese refugees. (150 persons)	£ 26 900
- <u>Tayside Regional Council:</u> language training for Vietnamese refugees. (94 persons)	£ 25 750
- <u>Central Regional Council:</u> language tuition for adult migrants to enable their integration into the local social and working environment. (350 persons)	£ 164 500
- <u>Lancashire County Council:</u> language training for adult migrant workers. (79 persons)	£ 5 755

REGIONS

- <u>Blaenau Gwent Borough Council:</u> job creation for unemployed persons in firms employing less than 25 persons or engaging long term unemployed persons. (128 persons)	£ 49 920
- <u>Cleveland County Council:</u> job creation for persons unemployed for six months or for unemployed persons in firms employing less than 25 persons. (256 persons)	£ 100 000
- <u>Clwyd County Council:</u> recruitment aids creating jobs for persons unemployed for six months or for unemployed persons in firms employing less than 25 persons. (100 persons)	£ 50 000
- <u>Scunthorpe Borough Council:</u> programme of recruitment aids for persons unemployed for six months and those hired by firms employing less than 25 persons. (300 persons)	£ 117 000
- <u>Merseyside County Council:</u> continuous recruitment programme of wage subsidy for persons in a priority region who are unemployed for six months and for those unemployed persons hired by firms employing less than 25 people. (1 605 persons)	£ 476 685
- <u>Strathclyde Regional Council:</u> job creation aid programme for firms employing fewer than 25 persons or for workers who have been unemployed for long periods. (3500 persons)	£ 1 870 050
- <u>Central Regional Council:</u> job creation aid programme for firms employing fewer than 25 persons or for workers who have been unemployed for long periods. (300 persons)	£ 273 000
- <u>Highland Regional Council:</u> job creation aid programme for firms employing fewer than 25 persons or for workers who have been unemployed for long periods. (125 persons)	£ 53 625
- <u>Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council:</u> wage subsidy scheme for new jobs for the unemployed in small firms employing less than 25 persons and for new jobs created in larger firms for those unemployed for over six months. (210 persons)	£ 75 680

- <u>Corby District Council:</u> non continuous training programme for long-term unemployed people including instructor training (200 persons)	£ 142 200
- <u>Newcastle Upon Tyne City Council:</u> provision of wage subsidy to firms to assist with recruitment of unemployed people into new permanent jobs. (200 persons)	£ 93 600
- <u>Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council:</u> a continuous programme of remedial training and re-training for the unemployed to enhance their prospects of further training and employment or re-employment. (300 persons)	£ 42 500
- <u>Cleveland County Council:</u> continuous programme of vocational training and work preparation for long term unemployed people (200 persons)	£ 117 500
- <u>Tayside Regional Council:</u> provision of wage subsidy to firms for recruitment of unemployed people into new permanent jobs. (850 persons)	£ 250 000
- <u>Western Isles Islands Council:</u> provision of wage subsidy to firms in the Western Isles for recruitment of unemployed people into new permanent jobs. (150 persons)	£ 58 500
- <u>Orkney Islands Council:</u> provision of wages subsidy to small firms who recruit unemployed or under redundancy workers; larger firms who recruit long-term unemployed to fill new permanent posts. (50 persons)	£ 19 500
- <u>Merseyside Training Ltd:</u> programme of remedial and further training for the less able unemployed and those threatened with unemployment. (194 persons).	£ 298 757
- <u>Tyne &amp; Wear County Council:</u> wage subsidy to firms of less than 25 persons who recruit unemployed persons to fill newly created permanent jobs and to other firms who recruit persons unemployed for six months or more. (480 persons)	£ 150 000
- <u>Central Electricity Generating Board (South West):</u> re-settlement programme with retraining of redundant personnel or those threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (30 persons)	£ 120 000
- <u>Lancashire Enterprises Ltd:</u> continuous training programme for long term unemployed people for jobs. (30 persons) (Lancashire). (30 persons)	£ 46 000
- <u>Lancashire Enterprises Ltd:</u> continuous training of long term unemployed people for jobs in a priority region. (Blackpool) (60 persons)	£ 42 000
- <u>Cleveland County Council:</u> continuous programme of training for unemployed workers and those threatened with redundancy for assured jobs in firms. (100 persons)	£ 50 000
- <u>Cumbria County Council:</u> continuous provision of employment premium to firms to assist with recruitment of unemployed people into new permanent jobs. (150 persons)	£ 58 500
- <u>Scottish Development Agency, Glasgow:</u> training scheme to provide work for long term unemployed people, within the Glasgow Gear Project. (200 persons)	£ 100 000

- <u>Clwyd County Council</u> : non continuous training programme for unemployed workers. (20 persons)	£	232 929	- <u>Northern Ireland Department of Education</u> : continuous programme of training of unemployed persons in a region of first priority. (950 persons)	£	910 342
- <u>Liverpool Department of Social Service (Liverpool, St Helens, Wirral and Speton)</u> : continuous training programme for assured employment (22 persons).	£	106 810	- <u>Bradford Cathedral Centre</u> : non continuous programme of re-training of employees threatened with redundancy. (60 persons)	£	32 254
- <u>South Yorkshire County Council</u> : continuous training programme for long term unemployed people who will become self-employed in a priority region. (60 persons).	£	23 243	- <u>City of Bradford Metropolitan Council</u> : continuous programme of provision of wage subsidies to assist the recruitment for unemployed workers in small undertakings of less than 25 people, and larger firms for those unemployed over six months (150 persons)	£	43 000
- <u>South Yorkshire County Council</u> : continuous training programme for the long term unemployed in micro-electronics	£	71 729	- <u>Central Electricity Generating Board (North Eastern)</u> : continuous training of redundant personnel threatened with unemployment for assured jobs including income support for people over 50 and assistance with resettlement. (24 persons)	£	38 016
- <u>Eastington District Council, Cleveland</u> : provision of wage subsidy to firms for recruitment of unemployed people into new jobs in small and larger firms. (100 persons)	£	46 800	- <u>Central Electricity Generating Board (North Western)</u> : retraining and resettlement of redundant personnel and those threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (57 persons)	£	45 000
- <u>Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council</u> : wage subsidy scheme for new jobs for unemployed in small firms employing less than 25 people and new jobs in larger firms. (220 people)	£	73 788	- <u>Cleveland County Council</u> : continuous programme of training for persons unemployed over six months. (66 persons)	£	6 725
- <u>Cornwall County Council</u> : programme of training for unemployed persons and those threatened with unemployment for assured jobs in small firms. (150 persons)	£	56 531	- <u>Blaenau Gwent Borough Council</u> : continuous training and re-training measures for unemployed workers for assured jobs after training. (199 persons)	£	74 061
- <u>Cleveland County Council</u> : training and skills training for long term unemployed people. (160 persons)	£	42 025	- <u>Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas</u> : continuous training programmes for unemployed persons for whom a job may be regarded as assured and for persons threatened with unemployment in small firms in priority regions. (1100 persons)	£	91 250
- <u>Derwentside District Council</u> : continuous programme of wage subsidy for unemployed workers for new jobs in small and medium sized firms. (340 persons)	£	120 000	- <u>Head Wrightson Teesdale Ltd</u> : non continuous training of employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (152 persons)	£	100 459
- <u>Lothian Regional Council</u> : programme of employment subsidy to encourage small firms to recruit unemployed persons and to assist the long term unemployed recruited in larger firms (220 persons)	£	120 000	- <u>W &amp; T Avery Ltd</u> : non continuous training of employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (90 persons)	£	81 707
- <u>Afan Borough Council, Wales</u> : programme of recruitment premium for small firms who recruit unemployed people to new permanent jobs or larger firms who recruit long term unemployed (100 persons)	£	39 000	- <u>Honeywell Control Systems Ltd</u> : non continuous training of workers threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (474 persons)	£	191 592
- <u>Dyfed County Council</u> : training programme to prepare unemployed people for jobs and people threatened with unemployment (460 persons)	£	16 125	- <u>Rolls-Royce Ltd</u> : non continuous training for workers threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (1698 persons)	£	767 439
- <u>Highlands and Islands Development Board</u> : wage subsidies for recruitment of long term unemployed to new jobs and unemployed people to new jobs in firms employing under 25 people	£	53 625	- <u>Automotive Products</u> : non continuous training of workers threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (97 persons)	£	71 900
- <u>Borough of Torfaen, Wales</u> : provision of wage subsidy to assist the recruitment of unemployed workers and those with notices of unemployment to new jobs. (200 persons)	£	78 000	- <u>Motherwell Bridge Engineering Ltd</u> : non continuous training of employees threatened with redundancy for assured jobs (698 persons)	£	265 264
- <u>Northern Ireland Electricity Service</u> : continuous programme of training of unemployed persons in a first priority region. (120 persons)	£	749 176	- <u>Engineering Industry Training Board (ITB)</u> : non continuous programme providing a training advisory service for unemployed persons and those threatened with unemployment for assured jobs	£	8 061
- <u>Highland Regional Council</u> : continuous programme of wage subsidies to assist recruitment for new jobs. (125 persons)	£	53 625			

- <u>Merseyside County Council</u> : continuous programme of recruitment training of unemployed persons to permanent assured jobs. (13 persons)	£	32 500	- <u>Bradford Metropolitan Council</u> : continuous programme of remedial training mainly for the unemployed and those under threat of redundancy : (1790 persons)	£	480 300
- <u>Strathclyde Regional Council</u> : continuous programme of training of unemployed persons or persons threatened with unemployment for assured jobs. (240 persons)	£	239 950	- <u>Gwent County Council</u> : continuous training for long term unemployed for assured jobs . (100 persons)	£	9 680
- <u>Strathclyde Regional Council</u> : off-the-job remedial training (4400 persons)	£	708 400	- <u>Gwent County Council</u> : continuous training for long term unemployed in a priority region. (280 persons)	£	27 100
- <u>City of Bradford Metropolitan Council</u> : non continuous programme of training of the unemployed for assured jobs .(70 persons)	£	293 788	- <u>Mersyeside Training Ltd</u> : continuous remedial programme for people under threat of unemployment. (500 persons)	£	292 688
- <u>Merseyside County Council</u> : continuous training programme for unemployed people for whom a job may be regarded as assured (40 persons)	£	40 000	- <u>Shetland Islands Council</u> : continuous wage subsidy scheme to increase recruitment of unemployed into permanent jobs aimed at helping both small firms and the long term unemployed (50 persons)	£	23 400
- <u>Engineering I.T.B.</u> : non continuous skills training for unemployed recruits for a range of employment in a priority region. (201 persons)	£	36 983	- <u>Imperial Chemical Industries plc</u> : contiuous training programme for unemployed workers for whom employment may be regarded as assured . (92 persons)	£	173 460
- <u>Glenfield and Kennedy Ltd</u> : non continuous retraining of existing employees in the use of microcomputers, machine tools, and coreless induction furnaces to preserve employment. (80 persons)	£	39 190	- <u>Dartington North Devon Trust (Ilfracombe training Centre)</u> : continuous training programme for unemployed trainers for whom a job is assured. (7 persons)	£	7 000
- <u>Anderson Strathclyde plc</u> : non continuous programme of training and retraining of employees threatened with redundancy to conserve employment. (28 persons)	£	17 722	<u>TECHNICAL PROGRESS</u>		
- <u>Vauxhall Motors Ltd</u> : non continuous programme of retraining of workers directly threatened with unemployment to maintain their job . (349 persons)	£	181 240	- <u>Sea Fish Industry Authority</u> : continuous training for the unemployed and people threatened with unemployment as a result of technical progress in the fishing industry for assured jobs.(915 persons)	£	199 845
- <u>The Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co Ltd</u> : non continuous training programmes of workers threatened with unemployment and to enable limited recruitment of unemployed workers (283 persons)	£	119 528	- <u>National Water Council</u> : additional training involving substantial changes in vocational knowledge and skill requirements for the introduction of significant new technology. (450 persons)	£	1 261 750
- <u>Engineering I.T.B.</u> : non continuous provision of training and administrative support to companies in assisted areas in accordance with programmes of training for unemployed persons and those threatened with redundancy .	£	4 425	- <u>National Water Council</u> : additional training involving substantial changes in vocational knowledge and skill requirements for the introduction of significant new technology. (50 persons)	£	125 250
- <u>Northern Ireland Department of Economic Development for Private firms</u> : continuous programme of training of unemployed persons for new jobs/employed persons threatened with unemployment and employed persons - higher skills in a region of first priority. (7600 persons)	£	5 000 000	- <u>Development Board for Rural Wales</u> : to assist the modernisation of production and management techniques in small and medium sized enterprises. (300 persons)	£	37 000
- <u>Northern Ireland Training Executive</u> : continuous programme of training of employed persons in higher skills in a first priority region. (3082 persons)	£	470 436	- <u>Strathclyde Regional Council</u> : scheme to assist small and medium sized firms in the introduction of new technology. (50 persons).	£	115 000
- <u>Northern Ireland Training Executive</u> : continuous training advisory service programme for persons unemployed or threatened with unemployment and training for higher skills in a first priority region. (98 persons)	£	269 362	- <u>Merseyside County Council</u> : new technology training scheme for employees in small and medium sized companies in Merseyside. (250 persons)	£	112 250
- <u>Bradford Metropolitan Council</u> :continuous training programme for unemployed persons for assured jobs . (40 persons)	£	42 000	- <u>Coventry Chamber Area Training Cooperative</u> : training in the application of microchip electronic equipment for existing employees of small and medium sized firms. (225 persons)	£	184 040
			- <u>New Work Trust Co Ltd</u> : training for employed persons to increase skill and prepare vocationally for jobs in computing and business administration in small firms. (40 persons)	£	25 095
			- <u>Ferranti Computer Systems Ltd</u> : training for redeployment on new technology of workers threatened with unemployment.(116 persons)	£	79 328

-	<u>A.E. Turbine Components Ltd:</u> essential retraining due to the introduction of new technology covering employees directly threatened with redundancy. (450 persons)	£	193 024
-	<u>Lucas Electrical plc:</u> training of persons in new and additional skills in order to improve their competitive capability and to remove the threat of redundancy. (203 persons)	£	136 346
-	<u>Multitone Electronics plc:</u> training associated with the introduction of new technology and manufacturing techniques in a small company where workers would otherwise be threatened by unemployment. (46 persons).	£	56 532
-	<u>Engineering I.T.B.:</u> training essential for the introduction of new technology for unemployed persons and workers threatened with unemployment.	£	4 157
-	<u>Cleveland County Council:</u> The Cleveland Cadcam training initiative is designed to encourage the modernisation of production and management techniques in SMEs (those employing less than 500) within Cleveland County. (50 persons)	£	131 025
<u>HANDICAPPED</u>			
-	<u>Department of Employment, Manpower Services Commission, (Leicester Employment Rehabilitation Centre):</u> demonstration project in employment rehabilitation . (200 persons)	£	309 150
-	<u>Department of Employment, Manpower Services Commission (Birmingham Employment Rehabilitation Centre):</u> demonstration project in employment rehabilitation. (60 persons)	£	174 050
-	<u>Department of Employment, Manpower Services Commission, (Passmore Edwards and Fulbourn):</u> demonstration project in employment rehabilitation. (200 persons)	£	31 000
-	<u>Lady Margaret Hall Settlement, Lambeth:</u> demonstration project of skilled training and work experience for handicapped people which will enable them to obtain employment on the open labour market. (11 persons)	£	78 429
-	<u>Leeds Pottery Project:</u> demonstration project of training and employment for the mentally handicapped and mentally ill to enable their entry into open employment. (35 persons)	£	314 280
-	<u>London Borough of Lambeth:</u> demonstration project for the training of disabled people under the European Communities network of local district projects . (96 persons)	£	420 601
-	<u>Berkshire County Council:</u> demonstration project for the training of disabled persons under the European Communities network of local district projects. (54 persons)	£	108 137
-	<u>York Horticulture Project:</u> demonstration project providing training and work experience in horticulture for mentally handicapped people to enable their integration into open employment. (14 persons)	£	23 876
-	<u>Disabled Skills (Telford) Ltd:</u> demonstration project of vocational training for handicapped people to facilitate their entry into open employment. (60 persons)	£	112 500