

# RSA Regional Selective Assistance

**Annual Summary 2023/24**

### Background

This is a summary of all the grants offered using Regional Selective Assistance (RSA). It provided discretionary grants to investment projects that will create and safeguard employment in the Assisted Areas – areas designated for regional aid under European Community law. It also included ‘Tier 3’ assistance in other designated areas where we could offer support to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), delivered under the EC’s General Block Exemption Regulations.

Payment of RSA is made in instalments, typically over several years as job and capital expenditure targets are met. Not all projects will proceed, and nor do all accepted offers result in full payment, as projects are sometimes scaled down or abandoned before payments are made. The figures quoted in the tables, therefore, represent the maximum grant potentially payable if the project is satisfactorily completed, and not the amount actually paid to date. All job numbers given in this report are firms’ forecast figures and are subject to change depending on future economic conditions and other factors affecting the businesses concerned.

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# Results

In 2023/24 businesses across a wide range of sectors accepted offers of RSA totalling over £ 20 million. These offers relate to projects with planned capital expenditure of just over £1,049m and the expected creation or safeguarding of 1809 jobs. Of these offers, 2 were made under the Low Carbon Manufacturing Challenge Fund.

SMEs accounted for 21 (88%) of the accepted RSA offers with total grant of £8.8 million. These projects involve planned investment of £67 million with the aim of creating or safeguarding 689 jobs.

The tables below compare this year's figures against the previous 3 years.

**Table 1: Offers Accepted (Number)**

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
<b>Scottish owned</b>	18 (74%)	13 (81%)	25 (78%)	28 (82%)
<b>UK (Non Scottish) owned</b>	3 (13%)	1 (6%)	3 (9%)	2 (6%)
<b>Foreign owned</b>	3 (13%)	2 (13%)	4 (13%)	4 (12%)
<b>Total</b>	24	16	32	34

**Table 2: Offers Accepted (Amount)**

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
<b>Scottish owned</b>	£7.2m (35%)	£8m (52%)	£8.6m (72%)	£5m (70%)
<b>UK (Non Scottish) owned</b>	£9.7m (48%)	£1.4m (10%)	£2m (17%)	£1.7m (23%)
<b>Foreign owned</b>	£3.4m (17%)	£5.8m (38%)	£1.4m (12%)	£0.5m (7%)
<b>Total</b>	£20.3m	£15.2m	£12m	£7.2m

**Table 3: Planned Capital Expenditure**

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
<b>Scottish owned</b>	£28.3m (3%)	£31m (29%)	£32.5m (93%)	£20.3m (86%)
<b>UK (Non Scottish) owned</b>	£973.2m (93%)	£10m (10%)	£2.1m (6%)	£1.3m (6%)
<b>Foreign owned</b>	£48m (5%)	£64m (61%)	£0.3m (1%)	£2m (8%)
<b>Total</b>	£1,049m	£105m	£34.9m	£23.6m

**Table 4: Planned Jobs**

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
<b>Scottish owned</b>	586 (32%)	554 (49%)	840 (76%)	589 (74%)
<b>UK (Non Scottish) owned</b>	918 (51%)	60 (5%)	136 (12%)	147 (19%)
<b>Foreign owned</b>	305 (17%)	527 (46%)	132 (12%)	57 (7%)
<b>Total</b>	1809	1141	1108	793

To enable us to demonstrate actual jobs vs. planned jobs, we have reported actual jobs created at the end point of projects completing in each financial year vs planned jobs anticipated at the start of the projects, Table 5.

Note that projects concluding in each financial year will have started at different times and have had awards offered in different years. Therefore, the figures appearing in Tables 4 and 5 are not directly comparable.

Table 5 data is for all projects completing their payment phase in each financial year for the period FY 2019-20 and 2023-24. The actual job numbers relate to the status at the final payment or where the project has closed early. The figures do not include cases in which the project did not proceed, and no grant was paid.

**Table 5**

<b>Financial Year (FY)</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Grant Offered (£m)</b>	18.1	7.8	9.8	5.1	24.5	65.3
<b>Grant Paid (£m)</b>	12	7.8	9.9	5	24	58.7
<b>New Jobs at offer stage</b>	1,118	435	710	291	1,712	4,266
<b>Actual New Jobs</b>	781	613	855	343	2,231	4,823
<b>Safeguarded Jobs at Offer</b>	283	328	465	244	1,285	2,605
<b>Actual Safeguarded Jobs</b>	282	337	412	240	1,269	2,540
<b>Capital Expenditure at Offer (£m)</b>	319	32	50.4	23.8	124.5	549.7
<b>Actual Capital Expenditure (£m)</b>	125.2	33	54.4	25	137.4	375

**Table 6: Summary of Offers Accepted (by Local Authority)**

Local Authority	Grant Offered (£k)	Total Jobs	Capital Expenditure at Offer (£k)	Number
Dundee	320	23	181	1
Falkirk	1,100	116	3,577	3
Fife	3,138	223	48,912.696	7
Glasgow City	5,578	488	17,072.828	8
Midlothian	500	55	4,311.614	1
North Ayrshire	9,100	861	973,247	2
Renfrewshire	340	28	1,044	1
West Lothian	196	15	984.12	1



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