

2006 No. 3202

NATIONAL LOTTERY

The Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006

Made - - - - *30th November 2006*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(3A) and (3B) and 36B(3) and (4) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993(a).

In accordance with sections 22(3C)(b) and 36B(5) of that Act she has consulted the Big Lottery Fund(c), National Assembly for Wales, Scottish Ministers and the Northern Ireland Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure.

In accordance with section 60(2)(d) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 1st December 2006 or on the day after the day on which it is made, whichever is the later.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the National Lottery etc. Act 1993; and

“the Fund” means the Big Lottery Fund.

Devolved expenditure

2.—(1) Expenditure that is charitable or connected with health, education or the environment of the descriptions specified in paragraph (2) is prescribed in relation to each of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man for the purposes of section 22(3)(d)(e) of the Act.

(2) The descriptions of expenditure are—

- (a) expenditure on or connected with the promotion of community learning;
- (b) expenditure on or connected with the promotion of community safety and cohesion;
- (c) expenditure on or connected with the promotion of physical and mental well being.

(a) 1993 c.39; section 22(3A) and (3B) was inserted by section 7(3) of the National Lottery Act 2006 (c. 23) and section 36B was inserted by section 15(2) of that Act.

(b) Section 22(3C) was inserted by section 7(3) of the National Lottery Act 2006.

(c) Established by section 14 of the National Lottery Act 2006.

(d) Section 60(2) was amended by section 19(8)(a) of the National Lottery Act 2006.

(e) Section 22(3)(d) was amended by section 7(2) of the National Lottery Act 2006.

(3) The reference in paragraph (2)(b) to promoting community safety is to making communities places in which it is, or is perceived to be, safer to live or work, in particular by the reduction of actual or perceived levels of crime and other anti-social behaviour.

Devolved expenditure: small grants

3.—(1) Expenditure that is charitable or connected with health, education or the environment of the description specified in paragraph (2) is prescribed in relation to each of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland for the purposes of section 22(3)(d) of the Act.

(2) The description of expenditure is expenditure on or connected with small scale projects in local communities which involve people within those communities.

Non-devolved expenditure: transformational grants

4.—(1) Expenditure that is charitable or connected with health, education or the environment of the description specified in paragraph (2) is prescribed for the purposes of section 22(3)(d) of the Act.

(2) The description of expenditure is expenditure on or connected with projects which are intended to transform communities, regions or the nation as a whole.

(3) The maximum amount that may be distributed by the Fund before 1st April 2008 under section 36B(1) of the Act for such expenditure shall be £140 million.

30th November 2006

David Lammy
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prescribes the descriptions of expenditure for the purposes of section 22(3)(d) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and thereby defines the extent of the power of the Big Lottery Fund to distribute Lottery money under section 36B(1) of that Act. Article 2 prescribes descriptions of expenditure which are to have effect in relation to each of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man (devolved expenditure). The Fund's functions in relation to Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland devolved expenditure will be exercised by the committees established under paragraph 7 of Schedule 4A to that Act and will be subject to the directions given by Scottish Ministers, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure under section 36E of that Act. Article 3 prescribes a further description of devolved expenditure relating to small grants under which the Awards for All programme will continue to be funded (see www.awardsforall.org.uk).

Article 4 prescribes a description of non-devolved expenditure which allows the Fund to make grants for expenditure on or connected with projects which are intended to transform communities, regions or the nation as a whole. The Fund's functions in relation to this description of expenditure will be exercised by the main board and will be subject to directions given by the Secretary of State under section 36E of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993. Article 4(3) prescribes the maximum amount that may be distributed by the Fund by 1st April 2008 for this description of expenditure.

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