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NATIONAL LOTTERY

**The Awards for All (England) Joint Scheme (Authorisation)
Order 2003**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>5th March 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>11th March 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2003</i>

Whereas the Secretary of State has by order authorised the Awards for All (England) joint scheme(a) (“the Scheme”), having received an application for the purpose by the participants in the Scheme, namely the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the National Lottery Charities Board, the New Opportunities Fund, the English Sports Council and the Arts Council of England;

And whereas the participants in the Scheme have modified it and have applied to the Secretary of State for her to make an order authorising the Scheme as so modified;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by paragraphs 2(1), 3 and 6(1) of Schedule 3A to the National Lottery etc. Act 1993(b), hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Awards for All (England) Joint Scheme (Authorisation) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 1st April 2003.

(2) In this Order—

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

“the Awards for All (England) joint scheme” means the joint scheme entered into on 6 March 2002 between the National Heritage Memorial Fund (which is also known as “the Heritage Lottery Fund”), the National Lottery Charities Board (which is also known as “the Community Fund”), the New Opportunities Fund, the English Sports Council (which is also known as “Sport England”) and the Arts Council of England; and

any reference to a joint scheme is to a joint scheme falling within section 25B of the 1993 Act(c).

(a) S.I. 2002/638.

(b) 1993 c.39; Schedule 3A was inserted by section 12(3) of, and Schedule 3 to, the National Lottery Act 1998 (c.22). Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3A was amended (by the addition of sub-paragraph (6)) by paragraph 15(12) of the Schedule to the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1756).

(c) Section 25B of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 permits a body which distributes money under section 25(1) of that Act to participate with one or more other such bodies in a joint scheme for the distribution of money under that provision. Section 25B was inserted by section 12(1) of the National Lottery Act 1998.

Authorisation of joint scheme

2.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby authorises the Awards for All (England) joint scheme as modified by the agreement entered into on 3rd March 2003 between the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Fund, the New Opportunities Fund, Sport England and the Arts Council of England (referred to below as “the modified joint scheme”).

(2) The Schedule to this Order (which, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule 3A to the 1993 Act, contains a brief description of the nature and purposes of the modified joint scheme and other particulars of the modified joint scheme) shall have effect.

Revocation

3. The Awards For All (England) Joint Scheme (Authorisation) Order 2002(a) is hereby revoked.

5th March 2003

Tessa Jowell
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

(a) S.I. 2002/638

SCHEDULE

Article 2(2)

PARTICULARS OF THE AWARDS FOR ALL (ENGLAND) JOINT SCHEME AS MODIFIED

1. The bodies participating in the modified joint scheme are the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Fund, the New Opportunities Fund, Sport England and the Arts Council of England.

2.—(1) The modified joint scheme provides for the making of grants of not less than £500 and not more than £5,000 to local community groups to support activities—

- (a) connected with the arts, sport or the national heritage;
- (b) connected or concerned with health, education or the environment; or
- (c) to be funded by charitable expenditure (within the meaning of section 44(1) of the 1993 Act).

(2) The purposes of the modified joint scheme are—

- (a) to encourage more people to become involved in local groups and projects by supporting activities which are open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part;
- (b) to encourage the development of skills and creativity by supporting activities which are likely to develop the skills and creativity of those taking part; and
- (c) to improve people's quality of life by supporting projects which improve people's opportunities, welfare or environment, especially those of persons who are the most disadvantaged in society.

3. The modified joint scheme applies in England only.

4. The maximum amount of money that may be distributed under section 25(1) of the 1993 Act in a year under the modified joint scheme is £75 million.

5. The money to be distributed under section 25(1) of the 1993 Act under the modified joint scheme is attributable to each of the participating bodies in the following proportions, that is to say—

- (a) as to the Heritage Lottery Fund, 9.0 per cent;
- (b) as to the Community Fund, 26.6 per cent;
- (c) as to the New Opportunities Fund, 24.3 per cent;
- (d) as to Sport England, 25.9 per cent; and
- (e) as to the Arts Council of England, 14.2 per cent.

6. The modified joint scheme will have effect for a period of one year ending on 31st March 2004.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

By this Order, the Secretary of State authorises the Awards for All (England) joint scheme as modified. The scheme provides for the distribution of National Lottery funds attributable to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Community Fund, the New Opportunities Fund, Sport England and the Arts Council of England. The scheme is contained in the agreement which was entered into on 6th March 2002 by those bodies (and which was authorised by the Awards for All (England) Joint Scheme (Authorisation) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/638)) and as modified by the agreement entered into by the same bodies on 3rd March 2003.

A brief description of the nature and purpose of the scheme, and other details about it, may be found in the Schedule to this Order. The scheme provides for the making of grants to local community groups of between £500 and £5,000. The purposes of the scheme are to encourage more people to become involved in local groups and projects by supporting activities which are open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part; to encourage the development of skills and creativity by supporting activities which are likely to develop the skills and creativity of those taking part; and to improve people's quality of life by improving their opportunities, welfare or environment, especially those of persons who are the most disadvantaged in society. Further information about the scheme is available from Awards for All: England, 1st Floor, Reynard House, 37 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 7GA, or from the Awards for All website (www.awardsforall.org.uk).

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