
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HOUSING, ENGLAND

The Social Housing (Grants to Bodies other than Registered Social Landlords) (Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2006

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd March 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>13th March 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2006</i>

The First Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 27A(3) and (4)(d) of the Housing Act 1996(1), makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement, and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Social Housing (Grants to Bodies other than Registered Social Landlords) (Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 6th April 2006.

(2) This Order applies in relation to the making of grants under section 27A of the Housing Act 1996 by the Housing Corporation to bodies other than registered social landlords in England(2).

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“former public sector housing” means housing accommodation in which an authority within section 80 of the Housing Act 1985(3) (the landlord condition for secure tenancies), or a predecessor of such an authority or an authority abolished by the Local Government Act 1985(4) formerly had an interest by virtue of which it receives a rack-rent, or would do so if the premises were let at a rack-rent;

“housing trust” means a corporation or body of persons which —

(1) 1996 c. 52. Section 27A was inserted by section 220 of the Housing Act 2004.
(2) The power to make grants under section 27A is exercisable by “the Relevant Authority” as to which *see* section 56 of the Housing Act 1996.
(3) 1985 c. 68.
(4) 1985 c. 51. Section 1 of the Act abolished the Greater London Council and the metropolitan County Councils from 1st April 1986.

- (a) is required by the terms of its constituent instrument to use the whole of its funds, including any surplus which may arise from its operations, for the purpose of providing housing accommodation; or
 - (b) is required by the terms of its constituent instrument to devote the whole, or substantially the whole, of its funds for charitable purposes and in fact uses the whole, or substantially the whole, of its funds for the purpose of providing housing accommodation;
- “public sector housing” means housing accommodation in which—
- (c) an authority or body within section 80 of the Housing Act 1985 (the landlord condition for secure tenancies);
 - (d) the Housing Corporation;
 - (e) a housing trust which is a charity;
 - (f) a registered social landlord, other than a co-operative housing association; or
 - (g) a co-operative housing association, which is not a registered social landlord
- has an interest by virtue of which it receives a rack-rent, or would do so if the premises were let at a rack-rent.

Additional purposes

3. The following are specified as purposes for which grant may be given additional to those mentioned in subsection (2)(a) to (e) of section 27A of the Housing Act 1996 (grants to bodies other than registered social landlords)—

- (a) managing public sector or former public sector housing where those managing are the occupiers of that housing;
- (b) facilitating or encouraging improvements in, or providing services in connection with, the management of such housing;
- (c) providing educational or training courses in housing management to occupiers of such housing;
- (d) providing services for those providing such courses;
- (e) providing financial or other assistance for those attending such courses.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

3rd March 2006

Kay Andrews
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 27A of the Housing Act 1996 the Relevant Authority may give grant to persons other than registered social landlords for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of that section. The Secretary of State may by order, specify additional purposes for which grant under that section may be given.

The Housing Corporation (a body constituted by Schedule 6 to the Housing Associations Act 1985 (c. 69)) is a Relevant Authority in accordance with section 56 of the 1996 Act. This Order specifies the following additional purposes for which the Housing Corporation may give grant to persons other than registered social landlords in England –

- (a) managing public sector or former sector housing where those managing are the occupiers of that housing;
- (b) facilitating or encouraging improvements in, or providing services in connection with, the management of such housing;
- (c) providing educational or training courses in housing management to occupiers of such housing;
- (d) providing services for those providing such courses; and
- (e) providing financial assistance, or other assistance for those attending such courses.