



Tesco Bags of Help funding is now available to even more communities across the UK

Community groups across the UK are being invited to apply for Tesco Bags of Help funding as the application criteria opens to allow for more communities to bag some cash for their project.

As well as continuing to fund the development of and activity in outdoor spaces such as allotments and community gardens, grants will now be available to fund the purchase of items such as sports kits, camping equipment, spades, litter pickers or specialised medical equipment.

Funding is also available for improvements to community buildings, for example scout or guide hut, church or village hall or sports changing rooms. Groups looking to hold seasonal events and activities such as a Christmas lights can also apply for funding through the programme.

These are just some examples of projects that are now eligible as the green light will be given to many other schemes that meet the programme's aims and objectives to fund projects which will benefit the local community.

To ensure that the programme is really local the number of projects funded every two months has been increased and there are new funding amounts – with £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 up for grabs.

Since launching in October 2015 the scheme has awarded over 27 million to more than 3500 community groups across England, Wales and Scotland.

Graham Duxbury, CEO of Groundwork UK said:

“Bags of Help continues to fund thousands of projects across the UK. We want to ensure that the money raised benefits as many local people in as many different places as possible so we've extended the range of groups and projects that we can support.

“The scale and variety of activities supported by Bags of Helps shows what can be achieved when communities are given the support and the encouragement they need to make change happen in their local area.”

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco said:

“We're really excited to have extended the criteria so that thousands more groups can apply. We can't wait to support more projects and look forward to seeing these come to life in hundreds of local communities.”

So - do you have a project in mind or know someone who does?

Then why not apply for a grant or spread the word about this amazing opportunity?

For information on how to [apply please click here](#) or for further inspiration and help, check out our [Community Project Toolkit](#).

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