

Funding Grants

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Who are Groundwork?

A national community & environmental charity which specialises in transforming communities and the local environment.

To find out more about Groundwork East visit:
<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/east/>



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What is Bags of Help?

- A Community Grant scheme, since 2015.
- Open for applications all year round
- Grants vary – have changed over time
- Funded by Tesco customers through the carrier bag charge. Administered by Groundwork
- Three projects will be shortlisted to go forward to a public vote in each of the Tesco regions every three months
- Grants are available to projects in England, Wales and Scotland
- Projects must offer a community benefit



Tesco COVID-19 Fund!

- **Increased demand** – a holiday hunger club needs more resources to support children through the summer months or a food bank whose stocks are running low and needs an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock.
- **Disrupted services** – a local charity setting up a delivery service to replace its monthly lunch club, or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries.
- **New services** – a health focused charity having to set up a new online patient service requires new IT equipment or a mental health charity developing a new service.

Who can apply?

- Voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

Businesses and ‘for profit’ organisations are not eligible.

- Health focused charities – such as cancer, diabetes and heart charities
- Food banks
- Hospices
- Homeless charities
- Charities supporting the elderly or those needing to self-isolate
- Women’s refuges
- Charities supporting children and young people

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Application deadline: 18th September

- Applications being reviewed *regularly*

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Tesco Bags of Help: October – December

- Submit an application soon! No deadline, but getting it in earlier is better!
- Theme: supporting children and young people
- No voting booth/customer vote
- Shortlisting Panel Meetings will take place with Tesco staff members who will decide which organisations will be shortlisted
- All chosen 3 organisations will receive £1,000
- Funds will be received by the end of Jan 2021

What areas in Hertfordshire have low applications?

Region Name	Trust	YP Projects
Hertford	East	1
Rickmansworth	East	1
Potters Bar	East	1
Epping	East	1
Waltham Abbey	East	1
Hatfield	East	2
Borehamwood	East	2
Watford	East	2
Cheshunt	East	2
Hemel Hempstead	East	2
Leighton Buzzard	East	2
Tring	East	2
Bury St. Edmunds	East	4
Letchworth	East	6
Bishops Stortford	East	6
Royston	East	8
Stevenage	East	9
Ware	East	10
St Albans	East	14

Projects which are ineligible

- Work that has already taken place
- Political donations
- Fundraising activities or challenges (e.g. costs for a sky dive etc.)
- Running costs and organisation overheads
- Conferences or seminars
- Activities which collect funds for redistribution to other charities or individuals
- Overseas appeals
- Expeditions or overseas travel
- Promotion of a religious or political cause
- Marketing promotions
- Research projects
- Projects or activities that the state has a legal obligation to provide

How do I apply?

Online application process

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

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- Locate your closest Tesco store
- Download the [application guidance notes](#) to help complete your application
- Wide range of FAQs answered online

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Further Advice and Support -Bags of Help Enablers

- Available to help support applicants.
- In Hertfordshire your local Groundwork East Enabler is Sarah Holloway

For further help and advice please contact:

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The Comic Relief Community Fund (England) is offering grants to grassroots community organisations with an income of less than £250,000.

Funding is available to help you develop your organisation through a Capacity Building Grant (up to £1,000) or to deliver projects through a Project Delivery Grant (up to £4,000).



Comic Relief's four strategic themes:

- **Children Survive & Thrive:** projects that support children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life.
- **Fighting for Gender Justice:** projects that improve equality for women, girls and initiatives that help people affected by domestic violence, abuse or exploitation due to their gender.
- **A Safe Place to Be:** projects that support people who are rebuilding their lives because of homelessness or forced migration.
- **Mental Health Matters:** projects that support good mental health in communities, improve access to support and tackle stigma and discrimination.



Capacity Building Grant

- Developing better organisational governance through training of your trustees
- Reviewing or updating your policies and procedures to take into account any new ways of working due to the crisis
- Increasing your understanding of the needs of your beneficiaries both during and after the crisis and developing ways to best support them
- Increasing your organisational delivery capacity through additional volunteer recruitment, staff training or new equipment to enable your organisation to deliver services in different ways.
- Developing strategies to support your organisation to rebuild moving forward (for example fundraising strategies, developing delivery plans, exploring how you can work in different ways etc.)



Capacity Building Grant (up to £1,000)

- A project to increase the capacity of the organisation through increasing volunteering, including the development of a volunteer strategy, volunteer policy, recruitment and training of volunteers.
- Training for trustees and senior management, to ensure good governance is in place, and organisation has capacity and capability to manage new projects
- Support to help your organisation rebuild after the COVID-19 crisis such as exploring how you can raise funds, develop new policies and procedures and train your staff and volunteers to enable new ways of working
- Developing an organisation website and/or social media channels to enable an organisation to communicate more effectively with its beneficiaries or the purchase of new equipment/ licences to enable you to deliver some of your services online

Decisions reached within 6 weeks, funds should be spent by 6 months.



Project Delivery Grant (up to £4,000)

Examples of project delivery grants:

- Training for parents and carers to help support their children's development before starting school
- Activities for girls or women to help them make healthier life choices
- Supporting people with mental health issues to improve an outdoor space or create a meeting space
- Setting up a peer support network for people experiencing homelessness
- Hire of room where homeless people can access support



Project Delivery Grant (up to £4,000)

- Assessed by panel meeting every quarter
- Project must be completed in 12 months
- Core organisational costs, may be included but the fund will not fund projects which only contribute to organisational general running costs or solely a continuation of services.
- Project delivery grants do not require match funding, however if they do the Comic Relief Community Fund should be the main funding source.



How to apply?

[Online Application:](#)

- <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/>

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Thank you!

Any questions?

