

# **Tesco helps community projects in its centenary year**

## **Bags of Help Centenary Grants deliver huge funding boost in Edinburgh.**

Tesco is marking its centenary year by offering community projects in Edinburgh the chance to bag their share of a huge £100,000 funding pot.

As part of the supermarket's anniversary celebrations, community organisations from across the city are invited to share in the funding during two special Bags of Help voting rounds.

Bags of Help, run in partnership with Groundwork, awards funding to thousands of local community projects every year. So far in Edinburgh, Bags of Help has awarded more than £400,000 to 135 local projects.

Throughout July and August the first of two special funding rounds will concentrate on groups delivering health and wellbeing benefits, with a particular focus on groups tackling cancer, heart disease and diabetes, in line with Tesco's National Health Partnership.

Applications are open to all community projects bringing benefits across a region, with Tesco colleagues involved in shortlisting three applications in each area. Customers are then invited to vote for which group they'd like to receive grants of £25,000, £15,000 and £10,000, casting their votes using blue tokens handed out at checkout points.

Another voting round will launch in November, with even more

projects sharing in the cash over the course of the year.

The funding will reach over 30 regions during each round, with £3.3 million on offer.

Alec Brown, Tesco's Head of Community, said: "In 2019 we are celebrating a century of delivering great value for our customers – and what better way to celebrate this occasion than by using our flagship community grant scheme Bags of Help to support even more groups and organisations who are helping to make a difference across Britain."

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said: "This is an exciting time for Bags of Help, with many more communities given the opportunity to apply for larger amounts of funding that can make a positive, long-lasting legacy where they live. We look forward to seeing a wide-range of innovative projects that boost the health and wellbeing of our communities spring to life across Britain."

Anyone can nominate a project for Bags of Help and Bags of Help Centenary Grants, and organisations and groups looking to find out more or apply should click here [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp)