**For immediate release**

[insert name] bags [insert amount] from Tesco’s Stronger Starts scheme

[insert name] will receive [insert amount] that it will [insert what the grant will be spent on and how it will benefit the people that the community group helps for example. ...*will receive £500 that will allow them to double the number of snacks it provides at the children’s after-school club]*

[Insert description of your project *e.g. Community Kids was set up in 2021 to combat food insecurity in young people etc etc*]

[Insert quote from your organisation, for example, Project Founder Jim Smith said: “*For small projects like us, grants like this allow us to help more children and young people and make a bigger difference in our community*.”]

To boost funds for extra food and activity equipment, Tesco is introducing a £5m grant programme, in partnership with Groundwork UK, to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children’s groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people’s physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities.

Tesco’s Stronger Starts – previously Tesco Bags of Help and Tesco Community Grants - has already provided over £115 million to more than 65,000 projects across Britain.

The scheme is run in partnership with greenspace scotland and community charity Groundwork, who has awarded grants to thousands of local community projects every year.

**Tony McElroy, Tesco’s Head of Communications in Scotland, said:** “Tesco Stronger Starts help support local good causes but especially those projects supporting young people, those providing food, and local causes close to our colleagues’ hearts.”

**Emma Halliday, Community Enabler Coordinator at greenspace scotland, said:** “Tesco Stronger Starts continues to give local projects the boost they need to help their communities thrive. By funding services which support young people and reduce food poverty, we hope to facilitate positive change from the ground up across the UK. We are pleased to have been able to help so many local good causes over the years and look forward to seeing what community organisations can achieve in the future with the right resources.”

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. To find out more visit [tescoplc.com/strongerstarts](http://tescoplc.com/strongerstarts)

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