

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Guidelines

Background information:

The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and supports local charities and not-for-profit organisations, and also gives a 20% top-up to monies raised by Tesco employees for charity. To find the other ways Tesco supports local communities, please visit our website www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust

Community Awards Scheme criteria:

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £2,500 to organisations which have a turnover of under £5 million. The funding we give goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit health, environmental sustainability or opportunities for young people in the local communities around our stores in the UK. Your project should be able to demonstrate that it can lead to tangible benefits. Unfortunately, because of the number of applications we receive, we are unable to offer a grant to any organisation which has received a Community Award in the past three years.

Health

Health is defined as a state of physical, mental and social wellbeing. Our ambition is to help improve the health of our customers, colleagues and communities. We will promote this by working with charities, not for profit organisations and community groups who promote health and wellbeing initiatives and programmes.

Opportunities for Young People

Youth unemployment remains a critical challenge. That's why we are determined to be part of the solution and to create opportunities for young people around the UK. We want to help more young people, in our business and our communities, to fulfil their potential by equipping them with the skills they need to start successful careers. We are committed to supporting the next generation of young people (under-25s). We will work with charities, not for profits organisations and community groups who work to support young people whoever they are, whatever career they want to pursue, to help them gain the skills they need to succeed.

Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Sustainability is about reducing our environmental footprint whilst making a positive impact in the communities in which we live, work or socialise.

Projects we may support might include:

Health:

- Improving diets and encouraging healthy eating
- Involvement in sport and physical activity

Environmental Sustainability:

- Helping people reduce the amount of food they throw away at home
Helping people recycle more, or save more energy or water
- Local eco initiatives in the communities we serve that contribute to global environmental impact e.g. energy reduction, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, preserving local wood etc.
- Projects that encourage sustainable living (e.g. reducing environmental impact and promote social benefits)
- Wildlife conservation projects

Opportunities for Young People:

- Education and training programmes which develop key skills that prepare young people for work, no matter what career they want to pursue
- Support to vulnerable, disengaged groups and young people in long term unemployment
- Learning programmes for young people with disabilities
- Access to information, skills and opportunities young people need to start successful careers

Requests falling outside our criteria include:

- Salaries and other core costs
- Fundraising events or challenges
- Conferences or seminars
- Grants to individuals, including students
- Activities which collect funds for redistribution to other charities or individuals
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Building costs
- Overseas appeals
- Expeditions or overseas travel
- Promotion of religion
- Promotion of political messaging
- Sponsorship and marketing promotions
- Endowment funds

How to apply:

Applications should be made via our website www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk Applications will be accepted up until midnight **Friday 24 April 2015**. Applications submitted after this time cannot be accepted. If you have received a Tesco Community Award in the last three years you are not eligible to apply.

Decisions will be finalised approximately 8 weeks after the closing date. Please consider this when completing your application.

Please note: Following receipt of our email making a grant offer, organisations will have 7 days to provide financial information to us for due diligence purposes. This information will comprise a copy of your most recent accounts (Please Note: Only organisations able to supply one full year's set of accounts are eligible to apply. If you are a registered charity with accounts filed online with the Charity Commission, you will not be required to provide this information. If we do not receive this information within 7 days our offer will, unfortunately, be withdrawn.

How are the decisions made?

Decisions are made by representatives of the Tesco Charity Trust who are based across the UK. There is a lot of competition for the Community Awards and unfortunately this means that many good applications that meet our criteria will have to be refused.

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