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## Salinas' ALBA gets grant boosts

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SALINAS – The Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) was recently awarded various grants to benefit its educational work with aspiring farmers, youth and families on the Central Coast.



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The David and Lucile Packard Foundation awarded \$50,000 to support a program entitled, "Food, Land and Water: Connecting Families with Conservation," which will expand youth-focused environmental [education programs](#) at ALBA.

AT&T [Pebble Beach Charities](#) and the Harden Foundation awarded \$25,000 and \$10,000, respectively, for business and agronomic education reaching people with limited access to training, technical assistance and small business opportunities.

Farm Aid made a grant of \$5,000 to support [leadership development](#) among beginning and minority farmers to develop skills for engaging public officials and the media.

ALBA is a [non-profit](#) organization that creates opportunities for beginning and limited-resource farmers with two farm-based business incubators in Salinas and Watsonville.

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