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## **SALINAS**

### **P.V. farmworkers to benefit from grant**

The Salinas and Pajaro Valleys Small and Micro-Business Initiative will receive a \$300,000 grant from the National Rural Funders Collaborative to help farmworkers and other low-income residents.

The Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association, El Pajaro Community Development Corp. and Salinas United Business Association will receive \$150,000 per year for two years to increase ownership and wealth creation opportunities among farmworkers and low-income residents through small business development and education, increased farm and homeownership opportunities and better access to capital.

ALBA operates two farms, with a total of 305 acres, where student farmers participate in a six-month Small Farmer Education Program before entering a farm incubator to grow their own crops for several years.

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