



The Alameda Store in San Jose Partners with Community Farm to Establish Paid Internship for Students



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“Partnering with the community—in any way I can—allows me to use my resources to help others,” explains Erick. And that is what the Community First Grant is doing on a larger scale. Through the Alameda Store’s collaborative partnership with Veggielution, Ericks believes together they can offer support and opportunities to community members that wouldn’t otherwise have access to healthy foods. He also understands that making healthy food and education more easily available to underserved populations can have a measurable impact not only for individuals but for the whole community. The Alameda store is honored to partner with Veggielution for another Community First Grant in hopes of expanding fresh, healthy food access in the East San Jose community.

Veggielution Community Farm veggielution.org

Veggielution Community Farm **connects people** from diverse backgrounds through food and farming in order to **build community** in East San Jose. They address the needs of the city through **community engagement, environmental education and food-system advocacy**, and their farm **provides a critical platform** for their programs. The Community First Grant will help fund Veggielution’s **first paid internship**, which will provide high school and college students a paid **hands-on learning experience** while receiving credit towards a degree or class. Interns will develop basic knowledge of technical skills and become familiar with financial and entrepreneurial tools, which are **transferable to urban agriculture and horticulture jobs**. Whole Cities Foundation is proudly investing in Veggielution as it strengthens community through food-centered programs for all ages.



Whole Foods Market Team Members can nominate a local nonprofit increasing access to fresh, healthy food or nutrition education for a \$5,000 grant.

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