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\$2,500 Grant Awarded to the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America

Porterville, CA — The Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America has recently completed the construction of a new, 4,000 ft² facility in downtown Visalia. This Service Center will be available for use to all non-profit organizations. The council’s goal was to be free from debt at the end of this project. Although \$600,000 has been raised, with the help of nearly 100 donors, this is not the case. In order to free the center’s operating funds from debt service, Bank of the Sierra is has awarded a Sierra Grant of \$2,500 to the council.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the lives of our community members. Through the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America, we are able to do this,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.2 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 21 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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