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**\$5,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to Address Healthcare in the
Central Valley**

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$5,000 Sierra Grant has been awarded to the Great Valley Center to sponsor their report generated to support the “economic, social and environmental well-being of California’s Central Valley.” The next installment of the center’s indicator reports is entitled *Public Health and Access to Care*. It will be used to increase regional awareness and community discussion throughout the next five years. The reports are issued in annual installments cycling through five topics: The Economy; The Environment; Community Well-Being; Public Health and Access to Care and Education and Youth Preparedness. Each is “well-documented and well-respected.”

“At Bank of the Sierra we are happy to make a contribution to the Great Valley Center. Because of organizations like theirs, the Central Valley can enjoy access to this valuable information for years to come,” 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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