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Sierra Grant Funds Foundation for Central Schools

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant award in the amount of \$1,500 to the Foundation for Central Schools. Funds will be used to help off-set the cost of opening three library sites throughout the district. The goal of the opened libraries is to increase reading comprehension during the summer months when access to library books and computers are currently limited. By making the libraries available and promoting incentive reading programs, students of the communities will have a chance to improve their reading level.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the futures of the children in our community, the Foundation for Central Schools is a program we support,” 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 \$1.3 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 23 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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