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\$1,500 Sierra Grant Will Help Fund Summer of Service Program

PORTERVILLE, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$1,500 Sierra Grant awarded to the HandsOn Central California Summer of Service Program. The program is designed to provide 150 young people with the chance to be involved in understanding the current challenges facing the community. The youth will follow a Learn, Plan, Act and Reflect model while helping improve the communities they live in. Funds will help with materials and operational costs.

“Programs dedicated to creating strong involvement in our community are much needed. We are happy to make a contribution to HandsOn Central California,” 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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