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\$3,000 Sierra Grant Awarded to Kings County Art Center Foundation

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$3,000 Sierra Grant awarded to the Kings County Art Center Foundation to reduce seasonal class fees and offer more scholarships to students that would not be able to participate otherwise. Each year, Kings County Art Center hosts the Young Masters Show. Students from Kings County, grades k-12, may submit their artwork for exhibition in the show. Their entries will be professionally judged. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Funds will also help underwrite the cash awards and show expenses for this event. The Kings Art Center is the only arts center in Kings County. The foundation provides a place for the residents of the county to experience visual arts, educational programs and exhibits.

“We are happy to make a contribution to the Kings County Art Center. This arts center plays an important role in our community and is highly regarded at Bank of the Sierra,” 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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