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\$1,000 Sierra Grant Supports Visalia-Based Leadership Program

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant award in the amount of \$1,000 the Sequoia Regional Leadership (SRL) Program. SRL is a class designed to motivate individuals to become better leaders in their communities. The SRL class will be taking their annual trip to Sacramento to meet with local elected officials and sit in on several committee meetings. The Sierra Grant will offset the costs of the trip.

“Programs dedicated to creating strong leaders in our community are well-deserving. We are happy to make a contribution to the Sequoia Regional Leadership Program,” 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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