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\$3,500 Sierra Grant to Bring the Tehachapi Depot Back to Life

Porterville, CA — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a \$3,500 Sierra Grant awarded to the Friends of the Tehachapi Depot to fund the creation of a railroad museum which will be located at the Historic Tehachapi Depot. It is estimated that the project will be completed in time for the city's Centennial Celebration. Bank of the Sierra will have a major impact on funding the signage for the artifacts displayed in the museum.

"We are happy to make a contribution to the Friends of the Tehachapi Depot. Museums play an important role in our communities and are 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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