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**\$2,500 Sierra Grant Awarded to Local YMCA**

**Porterville, CA** —A \$2,500 Sierra Grant was awarded to the Visalia YMCA by Bank of the Sierra. The Visalia YMCA is a non-profit organization that focuses on youth development. The organization strives to provide children with the resources and opportunities to succeed. The grant will fund the Sports and Recreation Program, which encourages participants to express themselves through physical activity, making videos, and learning Judo.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the futures of the children in our community through the Visalia YMCA,” 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](http://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](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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