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**Sierra Grant Awarded to the
I-5 Social Services Corporation**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to the I-5 Social Service Corporation (I-5 SSC). The grand funds will be used for general operating expenses for the Selma Early Childhood Education Center. The vision of I-5 Childhood Development and Education Centers is to create early childhood development centers that focus on building brain cognitive development in young children that sets the stage for ongoing academic excellence so the these children will succeed academically and develop into self reliant, responsible and accountable adults. I-5 SSC currently operates eight Day Care Centers serving low-income families on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.

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 17 different communities with 25 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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