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**Sierra Grant Awarded to the  
Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care on Homelessness**

**Porterville, CA** —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to the Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care on Homelessness. The grant funds will support the Project Homeless Connect (PHC). PHC is a one-day, one-stop event designed to provide hospitality and to connect homeless families and individuals to medical services, housing and support services. Services are provided at no cost to participants and include but are not limited to; medical, dental and vision care, DMV ID cards, birth certificates, a hot meal, education and employment services, and literacy services.

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 17 different communities with 25 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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