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**Sierra Grant Awarded to  
Friends of the Kings County Library/ BookBuddies**

**Porterville, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to award a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to the Friends of the Kings County Library/ Book Buddies. The BookBuddies, in collaboration with the Friends of the Library, raise money specifically for children's programs at the Kings County Library. Each week the children read for prizes and experience educational entertainment. Funds will be used toward the Summer Reading Program, which is offered to over 1200 children each year.

**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 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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