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Sierra Grant Supports The Boys and Girls Club of Kern County

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,500 has been awarded to The Boys and Girls Club of Kern County. The grant funds will be used to allow underprivileged children, ages 5 – 17, to participate in a five-day per week afterschool enrichment and education program. The program activities include computer education, tutoring, mentoring, fine art, dance, sports, nutrition, leadership and fitness. The Boys and Girls Club objectives include building protective factors including social bonding, community bonding, self-confidence and a sense of influence with the young people in their programs.

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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