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**Sierra Grant Awarded to  
Visalia YMCA**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,000 has been awarded to the Visalia YMCA. The funds awarded will support the Guitars Not Guns project for young teens. Members will get individual music lessons, learn to read music, play guitar, and write music in the center's production studio. Members will also participate in field trips to various music and dance studios. Students will learn new technical skills and learn to follow through on projects.

**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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