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**Sierra Grant Awarded to
Women with Visions Unlimited, Inc.**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Women with Visions Unlimited, Inc. Women with Visions Unlimited, Inc. provide entrepreneurial workshops, conferences, classes, mentorship and various platforms for networking throughout the Central Valley. Several events are held throughout the year including a spring Networking Luncheon Auction, Real Life Youth Conference, the Youth Entrepreneurial Workshop and a Saturday Art Camp. The organizations goals are to empower all individuals to reach their full potential through direction and leadership. The grant funds will be used for general operating expenses.

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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