WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that approximately $6.997 million has been approved for the Fresno VA hospital by the Department of Veterans Affairs. These funds will be dedicated to a minor construction project for the Mental Health Outreach and Rehabilitation building.

"This is good news for the Fresno VA and all our local veterans," said Costa. "Minor construction projects done today save from doing major construction projects ten or fifteen years from now."

During the first session of the 110th Congress, Democrats provided the largest veterans' funding increase in the 77-year history of the Veteran's Administration, with a $6.6 billion increase for their FY08 budget. This increase provided strengthening in health care for 5.8 million patients, and also provided more funding for minor construction projects for VA hospitals around the nation.

For more information about this funding, please contact Costa's office at (202) 225-3341.