WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a grant of $2,480,759 has been awarded to Kings Community Action Organization in Hanford, CA for Head Start and Early Head Start Program. These funds are being awarded through the Department of Health and Human Services Head Start program title, and will be used to fund and make improvements to the Head Start program in Hanford.

"Head Start is a vital part of early education for our young people," said Costa. "These funds ensure that another group of children can prepare themselves for kindergarten next fall, and will provide families with health and support services as well."

Head Start provides comprehensive early childhood education and development services to low-income preschool children on a part- or full-day basis. Under current law, Head Start funds are provided directly by HHS to local grantees, which must comply with detailed federal performance standards.