WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kern County was awarded a $100,000 grant for a solar installation training program for adult farm workers. The funds were awarded by the US Department of Labor through the Green Capacity Building Grant program.

"Federal grants to help our Valley's work force obtain new skills are vital in a tough economy," Costa said. "Kern County is already a state leader in solar technology, and I know these funds will help create new jobs in our Valley."

The Green Capacity Building grant program is intended to build the green training capacity of current Department of Labor grantees. Through these grants, the Employment and Training Administration will help individuals acquire the skills needed to enter and advance in green industries and occupations. Grantees will provide education and training in the skills and competencies that are needed in green industries and occupations.