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Downtown Improvements: The town has applied for a \$340,000 grant for downtown improvements, from the Department of Housing, to promote commercial viability, bring new investment, and attract small businesses and people who want to experience the culture and charm that a traditional downtown brings.

The grant includes improvements to pedestrian access and public safety/walk-ability, facade enhancements, the expansion of streetscape, signage and a community gathering place. Areas include School Street, Library Place, Durant Avenue, Front Street, and PT Barnum Square.

These improvements incorporate and expand upon prior downtown planning, and support local and state C&D planning and state priorities. They also incorporate the work of the Downtown Advisory Committee and the Town Commercial Planning Committee.

If the grant is approved, the town can start their planning as soon as this fall.