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Gov. Whitman announces \$360,000 grant to Haddon Heights for downtown improvements

Governor Christie Whitman today announced that Haddon Heights will receive a grant in the amount of \$360,000 to make improvements to its Historic Business District.

"In addition to making Haddon Heights more beautiful, this grant is going to promote local commerce and create jobs," said Whitman. "It's a sound investment in the economic future of Haddon Heights," said Whitman.

Improvements to be funded by the grant include decorative lighting, restoration of brick sidewalks, a new period street clock, decorative trash receptacles, decorative signage, a new traffic signal, repainting of a near by railroad bridge, and parking lot resurfacing.

Allocated through the Department of Transportation, the grant is a Transportation Enhancement grant, which is funded by the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The grants are designed to promote non-traditional transportation-related improvements, including bike and pedestrian paths, scenic highways, and the restoration of historic structures or facilities, including downtown revitalization projects.

"Haddon Heights deserves much credit for taking the initiative to plan for the future," Whitman said. "We're glad to be able to back up all their efforts with this grant."

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