

Auburn receives state grant for downtown



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AUBURN — The Downtown Auburn Business Association has received a \$5,000 state grant for facade repairs, Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman announced Friday.

“That’s great news,” said Mike Littlejohn, president of the business association.

Littlejohn said final plans for using the money have not been decided. He said money could be made available to building owners as matching grants for facade repairs.

Auburn also is receiving a \$50,000 grant for a downtown revitalization study, Littlejohn said.

“This has been a 10-year project leading into where we are now,” he said.

Auburn is one nine Hoosier communities that received grants Friday for downtown revitalization projects. Each of the communities is an active participant in the Indiana Main Street program.

Indiana Main Street is a statewide program that encourages revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns. The program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

“A thriving downtown is a key part of a community’s economic success,” Skillman said. “With these grants, Main Street organizations can undertake relatively small projects that make a big impact on their local downtown district.”