Rep. Peter Welch announced Monday a $380,000 grant for a comprehensive economic revitalization project in downtown St. Albans.

The federal grant, which Welch secured for the city, will help St. Albans improve sidewalks, streetlights and signage and make other aesthetic upgrades to Main Street and Taylor Park. The project is intended to make downtown St. Albans safer for families and more attractive to businesses.

"Downtown St. Albans is the heart of this community and the key to its future," Welch said. "This grant will put federal dollars to work in St. Albans, spurring economic growth in the area and empowering residents to make decisions about how to improve their community."

Welch made the announcement on Main Street in St. Albans Monday morning, alongside Mayor Marty Manahan and City Manager Dominic Cloud. They were joined by Jim Walsh of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, as well as Terry Knight and Karen Bresnahan of St. Albans for the Future.