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Main Street Matters: Lt. Gov. Austin Davis Highlights Investments in Rural Pennsylvania's Historic Downtowns

CORRY, PA – Lt. Gov. Austin Davis stopped by Corry in eastern Erie County today to highlight how the Shapiro-Davis Administration is making strategic investments in rural Pennsylvania, including a \$100,000 Main Street Matters grant for commercial façade improvements in the city's historic downtown.

"The Shapiro-Davis Administration is making these investments because we believe they're smart investments," said **Davis**. "Every dollar the Commonwealth invests in Main Streets, we get back nearly \$8 in return."

In April [the Shapiro-Davis Administration announced it was investing in 81 community projects through the new Main Street Matters program](#), administered by the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

"We are thrilled to have Lieutenant Governor Davis visit Corry to announce this \$100,000 Main Street Matters award to Impact Corry," said **Wendy Neckers, board president of Impact Corry and the Downtown Corry Business Association**. "This matching fund grant for downtown facade renovation will benefit Corry and enhance economic development and tourism in Corry and our neighboring communities for decades to come."

The Main Street Matters program is investing \$20 million this year to revitalize downtown areas, help businesses grow and improve community infrastructure. These funds build on the success of the Keystone Communities Program, which has helped cities and towns across Pennsylvania repair historic buildings, improve pedestrian safety and provide direct support to small businesses.

DCED received more than 200 Main Street Matters applications requesting more than \$43 million, demonstrating high demand for the program. The Shapiro-Davis 2025-26 budget proposal includes another \$20 million for this successful initiative.

Davis recently visited [Munhall in Allegheny County](#), [Meadville in Crawford County](#) and [Berwick in Columbia County](#) to highlight Main Street Matters projects in those communities.

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