



Fairbanks School Neighborhood Association  
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## Fairbanks School Shared Use Kitchen

- Mission:** The purpose of the Fairbanks School Neighborhood Association is to provide programs for adults, post graduation to pre-elderly services, who demonstrate a need for training, supervisory, employment and social opportunities. Part of the building renovation project is to build a Shared Use Kitchen for agricultural and educational/training purposes. A Shared Use Kitchen is a commercially licensed facility that is used by local entrepreneurs to start or expand food related businesses.
- Partners:** Fairbanks School Neighborhood Association, Town of Farmington, Threshold To Maine RC&D Area, Farmington Area Food Pantry,
- Contact Info:** Cindy Kemble, Fairbanks School Neighborhood Association, (207) 778-7039, [Kemble@maine.edu](mailto:Kemble@maine.edu)
- Funds Needed:** \$ 50,000 – facility and equipment  
\$100,000 – 3 year operating budget
- Funds Raised:** \$109,000 (We are in the process of a capital campaign to raise the money to complete the construction of the interior - minus the incubator kitchen and the exterior of the building. Those funds have been raised).
- Target Opening Date:** September 2008
- Facility Uses:** While size and equipment vary depending on the types of businesses using the Shared Use Kitchen, generally the facility is used for preparation and cooking of foods, basic labeling and packaging, dry, cold, and possibility freezer space, demonstration, and community use.
- Potential Users:**
- \* Home or farm based food processors that require certified facilities to expand their businesses.
  - \* Individuals seeking training in food preparation and processing.
  - \* Established food processing companies, restaurants, and catering operations seeking to expand production or research and develop a new product.
  - \* Government or nonprofit entities such as the local Food Bank.
- Additional Information:** The concept of a Shared Use Kitchen is to help food entrepreneurs by providing access to modern commercial kitchen equipment in a shared space, to prepare and process food for consumer marketing. The facility would meet all state and federal regulations and requirements. It would also provide a supportive environment in which information and support can be accessed easily. The type of assistance available could include business planning assistance, product development, value adding, education, assistance with food safety and regulations, food labeling, marketing and distribution, storage and transportation, office and management support and resource information.



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