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**Building a
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OUR GOALS

FINDING FUNDS FOR NEW MAINE CO-OPS

Good ideas with feverish devotion need nourishment to grow. We are aware of the potential need for start-up capital and will be on the lookout for investment sources.

EDUCATING MAINE PEOPLE ABOUT COOPERATIVES

The idea of starting a cooperative business needs to sprout.

Each year we exhibit at the HOPE festival in Orono and at MOFGA's Common Ground Fair, offering information about cooperatives. Visit us at: www.cooperativemaine.org

BUSINESS TRAINING FOR START-UP & EXISTING CO-OPS

Co-ops need fertile soil to thrive. We imagine a time when regional groups meet around the state, inviting speakers to teach marketing, bookkeeping, publicity, etc. We envision a mentoring program for fledgling co-ops in the future.

AN ONGOING PRESENCE FOR MAINE CO-OPS

A presence for co-ops is needed in the state of Maine. We meet by monthly teleconference and at least annual meetings. We publish and update the Maine co-op directory, have met with the Maine Housing Director, co-sponsored a study tour, assisted two new housing co-ops, and organized a statewide cooperative conference in Augusta.

EXPANSION OF MAINE LAW AND POLICIES FOR CO-OPS

Working with lawmakers and helping shape policy to support cooperative enterprise are essential needs.

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OUR MISSION

To promote increased development of cooperatives in Maine through supporting existing cooperatives and helping new ones form.

OUR HISTORY

Cooperative Maine was formed in the spring of 2007 by members of co-ops and others interested in promoting a more humane, egalitarian, and democratic economy and society.

OUR FRIENDS

We cooperate with the Cooperative Development Institute (www.cdi.coop) and with the Cooperative Fund of New England (www.coopfund.coop).