



## CITY OF BELFAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The economic development goal of the City of Belfast is to strengthen its existing economy, to sustainably grow its economy over time while still maintaining its economic diversity, and to increase the number of quality jobs that we have here.

Whether you are an existing business already located here in the City of Belfast, a business just starting up, or a business considering expanding or relocating to the Belfast region, our office can serve as your single point of contact throughout your business development project. We are ready to provide you with free, confidential, no-obligation, and prompt assistance. Our office recognizes that uncertainty and delays can be significant impediments to a potential project, and our goal is to help you move your project forward expeditiously.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Grant research, writing, and management for public and private improvement projects
- Provides technical assistance to businesses
- Develops infrastructure for the City of Belfast

The City of Belfast Economic Development Office works in concert with various city departments and local organizations to attract and support business development in Belfast, Maine.

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**Belfast** is a dynamic and welcoming coastal city of 7,000 people, including families, professionals, tradespeople, farmers, artists, active retirees and a seasoned workforce.

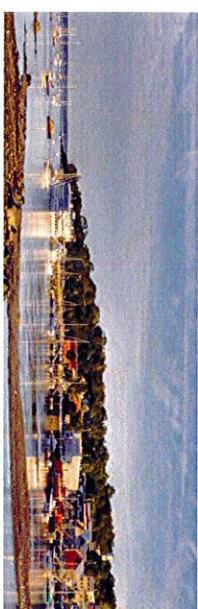
From the Belfast Food Co-op to the Front Street Shipyard, Belfast is home to an active and diverse business community. Municipal, business and non-profit partnerships contribute toward greater economic vitality, local sustainability and an enviable quality of life.

The historic downtown is anchored by a vibrant community of authentic owner-operated businesses and venues offering an eclectic selection of food, art, entertainment, retail and professional services. The Harbor Walk, from the footbridge to the Boathouse, tours the traditional working waterfront, lower Main Street and the waterfront parks. A year-round schedule of events and festivals helps to make this walkable small city a popular destination for the day, weekend or longer.

Belfast is a regional hub with the University of Maine Hutchison Center, traditional and alternative healthcare facilities, YMCA with pool, and all the amenities of a full service market town. Serving visitors and residents alike, it is a unique, friendly and accessible place to shop, live, work and play.

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## Belfast, Maine: A CITY ON THE MOVE



*Resources in Economic and  
Community Development for Belfast  
and the Surrounding Areas*

City of Belfast  
Economic Development Office

Belfast Area  
Chamber of Commerce

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Our Town Belfast:  
A Main Street Community



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## BELFAST AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoting Business and Economic Growth in the Belfast Area

The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce is a partnership of business owners and professionals working together to build a better community through affiliation, collaboration and long-lasting relationships

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Design, publish and distribute 30,000 award-winning Belfast Area Guides across the country and worldwide
  - Marketing all of Belfast and Waldo County as a great place to invest, work, live, and vacation
  - Strengthen our business community by hosting business after hours, breakfast networking, and educational events
  - Operating Belfast's area visitors center. Greeting 10,000 visitors and encouraging them to stay and play locally
  - Publishes events, programs, promotions through a weekly E newsletter and social media for community, visitors and the hospitality industry
  - Support local shopping by offering members a member2member local discount card
  - Organize events for the community such as Arts in the Park, fall pumpkin carving, and Holidays on the Harbor (with Santa arriving by boat)
- The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce is a link between business, community and area visitors.

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## BELFAST CREATIVE COALITION

Cultivating Arts and Culture for the Belfast Area

Belfast Creative Coalition cultivates arts and culture through coordination and promotion to increase quality of place and attract people and business to the Belfast area.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Belfast area arts and culture promotional website and social media with over 25,000 visitors a year
- Arts and culture Event Calendar for the Belfast Area, 1,500+ event postings
- Directory of 250 cultural organizations and creatives (artists, musicians, poets, etc.)
- Joint marketing for the creative sector
- Organizes monthly Calendar Sync meetings
- Program coordination for Belfast Arts: Fourth Friday Art Walks with live performers and 15+ galleries and studios as well as the Cultivate: Farm and Arts Trail and Tours (86 cultural sites)



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## OUR TOWN BELFAST

Growing and Sustaining our Historic Downtown: A Main Street Community

Our Town Belfast is a community-driven and nationally-accredited Main Street organization whose mission is to grow and sustain our historic downtown while celebrating our unique cultural heritage.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Cares for aesthetics of downtown with sidewalk plantings, public art projects, and seasonal decorations
- Promotes Belfast through marketing and events that bring people downtown
- Works with businesses and building owners to keep storefronts full and downtown vibrant
- Connects commerce and community, encouraging shopping, dining, staying, playing locally
- Coordinates, prints, distributes 30,000+ Belfast maps annually with local ads and artwork
- Keeps community and visitors apprised of local news and activities through social media (3000+ followers), e-newsletters (1000+ subscribers), and organization website
- Responsible for annual Belfast Street Party, Holiday Tree Lighting, coordination of retail events like the Early Bird and Cabin Fever Sales, etc

Our Town Belfast supports economic health and human happiness within the context of historic preservation and is a member of the Maine Downtown Center and National Main Street Center.

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