FEED Kitchens—Madison, WI

CDFI Helps Finance Innovative Project to Nurture Local Business

FEED Kitchens is a community center that doubles as an incubator for restaurateurs, food-cart vendors, caterers, farmers, and other entrepreneurs who need help bridging the divide between their idea and getting it to market. CDFI Forward Community Investments (FCI) recognized this unique project’s potential and provided $265,000 loan to help get the initiative off the ground.

“FCI was recommended as a lender that would understand the nature of the project and work with a nonprofit to provide a loan if the business plan was sound.”

Ellen Barnard
Coordinator, FEED Kitchens

Impact
• FEED Kitchen offers classes, job-training and multiple kitchen spaces for Madison residents.
• Five businesses and nonprofits have developed and sustained operation from FEED’s incubation.

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