



SAND PLAINS
Community Development Fund

PROJECT # 30-P003

PROJECT NAME: Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese

Business/Organization: Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese Ltd.

County: Oxford

Priority Categories Addressed: Agribusiness and Food
Industry

Loan Amount: \$250,000

Board-Approval Date: October 22, 2010

Project Summary: This project will build an artisan cheese plant in Oxford County. Using local milk and a traditional hands-on approach, the 6,000 sq. ft. plant will start by producing three cheeses to be sold on the farm and in local stores. The plant will be open to the public.

Regional Economic Impacts & Benefits: At full capacity, the plant will employ 7 people. The plant will be open to school groups and tourists, and will add to the local rural attractions.

Market Impact Assessment: All milk will be purchased from one source in Oxford County. The artisan cheese will be sold by local, smaller stores and served in restaurants promoting local foods. Local wines will complement the products well and will raise the regional profile.

WEB: PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT