

Kathy, Ben and City Counsel,

Our contractor hired to complete the work on the museum as part of the City of Gustavus 2022 grant has not started the project and has informed us that they will not be able to complete it in this calendar year. In their defense, Gustavus Construction has struggled this year with some of their other large projects that were prolonged due to material shortages, shipping delays and the ongoing supply chain issues that the country has been grappling with. We have discussed our project with other contractors that might be available but have not found any that can fit us into the schedule this year. In addition, with the cold temperatures, the frozen ground will likely not allow excavation and concrete pours to occur until we get back into warmer temperatures.

We have a commitment from Gustavus Construction that we are on their schedule for completing this project next year. Start date will be May 15th, 2023, with a completion date by or before September 10th, 2023.

We would like to request an extension of the grant that the city provided to us last year.

We appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.

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