

Dear McKinney Community Development Corporation,

I am writing to ask for an extension of the grant you approved last year for Wake and Bakery Café. We have hit some road blocks along the way in getting the electricity upgraded for the building. The power company, Oncor, wanted to shut off all of the electric for the entire block for an unspecified time (they said it could take 24 hours or more) to tunnel under the building and add a trunk line. We went round and round with them for months to get permission to add a second box to the exterior of the building like they have done for everyone else over there on the square. We were basically at a stop until all of that got worked out as obviously, the square cannot be without power while they do what they (Oncor) needed to do.

We did finally get the approval from Oncor to add the second box and have paid the electrician and gotten the exterior work done. However, because the city had our permits starting out with plumbing we have had to get things reordered at the city level as well. Without electric it makes it hard to do any of the other items needed on this building. We did not meet the deadline to obtain a C/O in order to be able to use the grant money and respectfully request an extension of the MCDC grant to 10/31/2024 to make all of this happen. Unfortunately, we are dealing with a shell of a building in need of everything inside and are at the mercy of many different organizations in order to make it all come together.

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