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Hello all,

My name is Cameron Gray and I am the founder of the nonprofit, The Buxton Initiative. I am contacting you all to request an extension on the grant period for the next 4-5 months. I received this grant of 8,000 to enact new programs to the city of Ames and this year has truly been our best year yet. We started a Black Film series with the partnership with the Ames Auditorium staff and we are currently working on a basketball program to give kids a safe space to play basketball in the fall and winter. Unfortunately, due to our size of the organization, it has been really difficult to spend the allotment of the grant sum during the grant period (\$3,426.87 remaining).

If granted the extension, I would put this money to use by continuing We Glow in the Dark and establish this basketball program that I believe will truly make a huge difference to the community's youth to give them a safe place where they can play basketball for free during the cold/winter months.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Cameron Gray