"I have the money but not the time, what do I do?"

A QUICK REFERENCE TO

CARRYOVER & NO COST EXTENSION

Unobligated funds remaining at the end of any budget period that, with the approval of the sponsor or with automatic carryover, may be carried forward to the next budget period to cover allowable costs of that budget period.

Extends the project period beyond the original end date with no additional funding. Allowed when: the end of the project period is near, there is a programmatic need to continue research, and there are sufficient funds left to cover the extended effort.

RULES BY SPONSOR

NIH
Review the Notice of Award to see whether there is automatic carryover, if not then prior approval from the sponsor is required

NSF
Almost always has automatic carryover, check the Award Notice

Non Federal
These guidelines vary significantly, reference Award Agreement and discuss with Sponsored Programs RA if approval is required

BU is subrecipient
Review the agreement, if carryover isn’t automatic then a request has to be made to prime recipient

RULES BY SPONSOR

NIH
1st extension processed in eRA Commons without sponsor approval, additional extensions require further justification

NSF
Grantees (ie BU) may authorize one-time extension up to 12 months, additional extensions require further justification to the Sponsor

Non Federal
These guidelines vary significantly, reference Award Agreement and discuss with Sponsored Programs RA if approval is required

BU is subrecipient
Prime recipient decides if it will grant no cost extension at the end of BU project period, check agreement

Always consult with your Sponsored Programs RA
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