

No-Cost Extension



What is the purpose?

The No-Cost Extension feature, accessed via eRA Commons, is an electronic means for a grantee organization to electronically submit a notification that they have exercised their **one-time** authority to extend without funds the final budget period of a project period of a grant. This extension can be up to 12 months in additional time. This assumes all internal review and approval processes at the grantee organization have already taken place.

No-Cost Extension is a feature only used by NIH at this time.

What are the benefits?

- Using this system, grantee institutions can submit notifications up to the last day of the current end date, essentially providing 10 additional days to process the notification. (Notifications submitted via other communication methods must be received by the agency at least 10 days prior to the end date.)
- Upon receipt of the notification, the budget and project period end dates are automatically updated to reflect the extension of the respective grant record. No separate action is needed by agency staff for this change to take effect.
- An email notification is automatically sent to agency staff when the grantee submits the extension notification

Who can use this feature?

Signing Officials at the grantee organization.