

### **No-Cost Extensions (NCE)**

A no-cost extension is when a project period is extended (usually for another year) without additional funding from the sponsor. The reasons for a NCE vary and may be due to a delay in the next year of funding or a delay in the research progress. It is especially important to pay attention to when a project is ending so that you can request a no-cost extension in a timely manner.

Please consult your Sponsored Program Officer your plan on requesting a no-cost extension.

Important questions to consider:

- What number no-cost extension is this (first, second, third, etc.)?
- What is the remaining unobligated balance on the project?
- Has there been any communication with the sponsor on this request yet?
- Why is a no-cost extension needed? (Please note that leftover funds is NOT an acceptable justification)
- What will be done with the extra time requested?
- Is the latest IACUC/IRB protocol approval letter(s) current AT LEAST through the next three months?