

*Tuesday Tips* is a new outreach effort by OGCA. The idea behind *Tuesday Tips* is to convey tips, tricks and other helpful information around the area of research administration. Our goal is to post on (almost every) Tuesdays. If there is something you would like to see covered on *Tuesday Tips*, email: [UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu). For more Tips visit [OGCA website](#).

## Expanded Authority Actions

Expanded authorities are the operating authorities provided to grantees under certain research grant mechanisms that waive the normally-required sponsor prior approval for specific actions. For example, a researcher may wish to extend the time allotted for performing the work without requesting any additional funds (called a "no-cost extension"). In some cases, prior approval of the funding agency is required for this action; in some cases it can be done without this explicit approval by "expanded authority." Specific examples by major funding agency are listed below; please consult with your Sponsored Projects Officer for details. Please note: All deadlines below are in calendar days.

### National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- Pre-award costs up to 90 days prior to the effective date of the award

- A single no-cost extension of time up to 12 months. The request must be submitted to OGCA 45 days prior to the expiration date of the project. The agency must be notified 10 days prior to the expiration date.
- Acquisition of special purpose equipment below \$25,000.
- Re-budgeting of funds up to 25% (excluding trainee costs).
- Additional domestic and foreign travel requests not originally included in the award (i.e., unless restricted by the Notice of Award, these are allowed to be considered approved).

- A single no-cost extension of time up to 12 months. The request must be submitted to OGCA 45 days prior to the expiration date of the project. The agency must be notified 10 days prior to the expiration date.
- Acquisition of equipment necessary and reasonable to carry out the approved project activities.
- Re-budgeting of funds in accordance with the applicable federal cost principles and the terms and conditions of the award.
- Foreign travel requests.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture-Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA-CSREES):**

NOTE: The only branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that allows Expanded Authority actions is the Cooperative State Research Service.

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