

BD² Policy: No-Cost Extensions and Continuation Funding

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure responsible stewardship of BD² funds by preventing duplication of support, promoting timely completion of funded activities, and maintaining a clear distinction between the completion of existing awards and the initiation of new work.

Policy

A No-Cost Extension (NCE) is intended to provide additional time for a recipient to complete the approved aims and scope of an existing award using previously obligated funds. Accordingly, BD² will not issue a new award when the proposed aims, scope of work, or deliverables substantially overlap with those of an active award that is operating under an NCE.

Grantees are expected to complete the approved work under the existing award before seeking additional funding to continue the same or closely related activities.

New BD² awards should support new scientific objectives, a materially expanded scope of work, or distinct programmatic activities that are not appropriately addressed under an existing award.

Review of Continuation Requests

As part of the funding review process, BD² will evaluate whether a proposed project represents:

- Completion of work that should reasonably be conducted under an existing award;
- A continuation of previously funded activities;
- A new phase of work with clearly differentiated objectives; or
- A distinct project that warrants separate funding.

In making this determination, BD² may consider overlap in scientific aims, milestones, personnel, deliverables, timelines and budget.

Policy Implementation

BD² Program staff are responsible for identifying active NCEs during funding review and assessing potential overlap between existing and proposed work. Where substantial overlap exists, grantees will be expected to complete the existing award before BD² considers a continuation award.

Effective Date

This policy is effective immediately and applies to all BD²-funded awards.