

CARES Act Funds: Spending Them into Next Fiscal Year

The Office of Independent Living Programs, Administration for Community Living, indicated ACL would provide a one-time, 12-month No-Cost Extension automatically for some grants to CILs, specifically to the CARES Act and Independent Living Services (Part B) funds to Centers on April 16, 2021. This Fact Sheet will explain the purpose of the CARES Act Funding No-Cost Extension and provide a summary of grant resources.

What is a No-Cost Extension?

A no-cost extension (NCE) allows a grantee to request additional time to extend the period of performance end date of a grant in order to complete the overall goals and performance outcomes originally proposed in the award funded by the Administration for Community Living.

This is described more specifically in the [no-cost extension guidelines \(https://acl.gov/grants/general-guidelines-acl-process-no-cost-extensions-all-fy2020-mandatoryformula-grants-active\)](https://acl.gov/grants/general-guidelines-acl-process-no-cost-extensions-all-fy2020-mandatoryformula-grants-active), and specifies the grants that are included are:

FFY2020 Independent Living Services Grants (ILSG): 2001XXILSG

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) CARES Act (ILC3): 20NNXXILC3

In this case, the CIL's one year extension for CARES Act and ILS (Part B) funds were automatic, meaning no application is required. It is strongly recommended that each CIL take the time to modify its budget to encompass these additional funds, spreading the remaining funds into next fiscal year if you wish. These funds still need to be spent for their original purpose, but you now have a longer period of time to spend them.

Here is a summary of the grant sources and the status:

- Direct CIL grants (Part C) – No change in deadlines or other requirements.
- ILS Grants through the SPIL/DSE – No cost extension to September 30, 2022 applies; these funds have always been open to extension through the DSE's action as grantee (IL Services are sub-grantees). The CIL must work through the DSE if you want to extend Part B (IL Services) funds into the next year.
- CARES Act Funds – No cost extension to September 30, 2022 applies.
- CDC Vaccine Funds – May be used through September 30, 2022 as originally specified.



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