

## Extension Summary

There are two types of extensions.

1. COVID Extensions: In ML 2020 and ML 2021 there was a provision written into law that allowed programs to get an extension due to COVID-related factors. Attached in the links is the applicable language, which extended specific activities in specific appropriation years. This language was also allowed for other Legacy Funds as well. COVID affected the time period of work from March 2020 – March 2022, which affected programs receiving funding in ML 15-18. Staff reviewed the requests and reported back to the Council – see links below for agenda memos.

In ML 2020, [18 programs received an extension](#) which resulted in an additional year for ML 16 programs to commit for acquisitions but with no additional time to close. ML 15 programs received an additional year to Restore/Enhance (R/E).

In ML 2021, [7 programs received an extension](#) which resulted in an additional year for ML 16 programs to R/E and ML 17 and ML 18 programs additional time to acquire.

2. Carryforward of Funds: This is the “traditional” way in which programs ask for additional time and if approved it is written into law as the new end date of the appropriation and overrides the original end date. This carryforward allows the recipient to keep the funds and prevents MMB from sweeping the money back into the OHF to be re-appropriated in the future. All carryforward requests are approved by the Council prior to inclusion in the recommendations bill.

ML Year the program was funded	# of Carryforward Extensions	COVID Requests approved	Total extensions approved	Availability for R/E ends (COVID)	Availability for AQ ends (COVID)
2010	1	0	1	-	-
2011	0	0	0	-	-
2012	1	0	1	-	-
2013	1	0	1	-	-
2014	2	0	2	-	-
2015	5	8	13	2020 (2021)	2018
2016	8	5	13	2021 (2022)	2019
2017	7	6	13	2022	2020 (2021)
2018	10	6	16	2023	2021 (2022)
2019	1 (with exception of a few programs, most AQ spent to date)	0	1	2024	2022
2020	3 (only 12 of 40 programs have spent over 50% of money **)	0	3	2025	2023
2021	Very little spent to date – 33 out of 44 programs showing less than 20% spent **	-	-	-	-
2022	Virtually no money spent to date **	-	-	-	-

\*\* as of 2/2023

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

Extensions used to be the exception, not the expectation.

Phased acquisition programs with continuous money receiving an extension results in an overlap of funds, therefore pushing off the spending of the most recent appropriations which could create an unintended cycle of continuous extensions.

R/E programs have 5 years to complete work.

R/E programs may need extra time under certain situations, for example: weather delays, flood damage, or inability to burn, or if a program is working with Army Corps, those funds are matched and spent in tandem.

R/E ONLY programs, managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program as outlined in the accomplishment plan.