

July 2022 Research Administration Forum Q&A

Extramural Fund Management

Q1: Will BCT ever be available in UCPATH or will we always be processing journals?

A1: As of now, UCLA is not planning to turn on the Benefit Cost Transfer (BCT) feature in UCPATH due to a limited approval workflow available in the UCPATH system. Until a different approval workflow can be made available for BCT from the current approval workflow for high risk Salary Cost Transfers (SCT) in UCPATH, UCLA will continue to process Benefit Cost Transfers via Financial Journal.

Q2: Is it an issue if we wait at the end of each budget period to move the unallowable to an unrestricted?

A2: As long as the department is doing monthly reconciliation and accounting for unallowable benefits that will be moved off to calculate the total expenditures and the unexpended balance, Benefit Cost Transfers (BCT) can be submitted to EFM at the end of the budget period. Otherwise, BCT at the last minute can leave an unintended unexpended balance and there will be no time left to spend.

Q3: Can we submit BCT journals to EFM for unallowable GAEL expenses incurred prior to July 2022?

A3: Yes, effective July 1, 2022, EFM will process all Benefit Cost Transfers (BCT) impacting Contract and Grant (C&G) funds, including GAEL regardless of the Effective Date of the expense in the General Ledger.