May 2024 SpheriCity UMACS Grant Application Questions:

These are the questions you will find on the Grant Application:

Section 1: Contact Information

Your name
Email Address
Title
Campus
Is your campus a 24-25 Campus Member?

Will you be the Project Coordinator (yes/no)
If no: name, email, job title, campus of Project Coordinator

Section 2: Project Coordinator

What experience or strengths does the Project Coordinator have that will help them be successful in leading this project? Please be sure to highlight any experience that has given the proposed Coordinator a general understanding of waste management in the community and some awareness of plastic issues.

Does the Project Coordinator have experience with Geographic Information Systems? (yes/no, comments)

Is the Project Coordinator comfortable reading Google maps?

What experience does the Project Coordinator have in the community that will help them to understand and honor the culture, social norms, risk management issues etc?

Section 3: Implementation Plan

Please describe the implementation plan for this project (how will the project be connected to existing work on campus and in your community, what is the basic timeline?). (Please feel free to use bullets if that makes it easier to share information about your plans.)

What are the connections in the community that will help this project be meaningful and successful? Why do you think these connections will be helpful? How will these connections assist when conducting stakeholder interviews?

Please share any information you have at this time about who will be on the Litter Transect Team. (Will they be student staff or part of a class or student group? If they are not yet recruited, how will they be recruited? Will they be undergraduate or graduate students or community members?)

Please share any information you have at this time about who will be on the Survey Team. (Will they be student staff or part of a class or student group? If they are not yet recruited, how will

they be recruited? Will they be undergraduate or graduate students or community members?) Note that graduate students who have either conducted surveys in the past or have an interest in this area of work are preferred.

How will information from this project be shared with the right stakeholders so that the data might inform local or regional decision-making to improve circularity efforts?

How does this project support existing work on your campus or in the community, or how do you hope it will enhance sustainability efforts in the future?

What is your current plan for how you will use the \$12,000 grant? (This can be a draft budget.)

Anything else you would like us to know about why your campus and community are ready to make this project successful?

Section 4: Additional Questions

If you are funded, do you agree that someone from the project will present at the 2025 UMACS Conference (data and location TBD?

Do you understand you can only invoice for related expenses that are allowable by the National Science Foundation?

Anything else you want the selection committee to consider?