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1. Project Name: *

Project 4 Less

2. Semester or date of project's original submission. *

Fall 2020

3. Below please include a brief project summary and your requested changes. *

Project 4 Less works to solve both the waste and the want by diverting food from landfills into a food pantry. Each Wednesday evening, 3-4 Project 4 Less volunteers package pre-served food (trays of surplus food that have been prepared but not served) at Lincoln Avenue Residence Dining Hall. On a weekly basis, our operations divert around 200 pounds of food from the landfill to Wesley Food Pantry. At the time of writing, Project 4 Less is the only RSO on campus to engage in food recovery in the student dining hall.

Aside from food packaging, Project 4 Less is made up of motivated student members that work on other aspects of our work as well. Our general members work to plan our expansion and ensure consistent communication with our partner pantries and University Dining. Our student members are always looking for new opportunities to expand our reach and engage with the community.

Our funding was provided with the intention of affording cold carts and boxes that would support us at multiple Dining Hall locations during multiple packaging nights each week. However, because of Dining's delays, we are unable to purchase our cold carts since our current cold carts are sufficient for our current operations, and we have not been guaranteed an expansion in our operations to necessitate additional cold carts. Due to this, we are requesting another timeline scope change.

4. Date of Scope Change Submission *

12/15/23

5. Type of Scope Change: *

- Project Direction
- Budget
- Timeline
- Project Advisor/Financial contact
- Project Lead

6. Please provide a detailed summary of the requested timeline change. *

We hope to establish a concrete plan with Dining to expand our operations by working out of additional dining halls to increase the amount of food diverted. If dining does not work out, we are currently looking at other avenues to divert food waste such as partnering with campus restaurants or private dining. Ultimately, our end goal is for project expansion and purchase of cold carts to happen by the end of Fall 2024 semester.

7. Additional comments (Optional) *

Project 4 Less is very grateful for SSC's support and patience as we try our hardest to expand with Dining! We are very hopeful that we will finally be able to expand soon but we are glad that we can continue to divert food each week in the meantime. Thank you for considering our timeline extension!