The Boston Foundation tBf

SAFETY NET GRANTS
SPRING 2023 INFORMATION SESSION

WEBINAR
January 2023

AGENDA

1. Our New Pathway

2. Safety Net Grants

   - Baseline Eligibility
   - Updated Funding Considerations & Priorities
   - How Do I Apply?

3. Q&A

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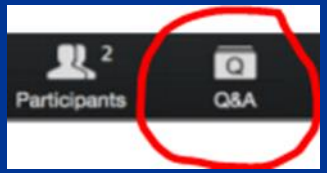

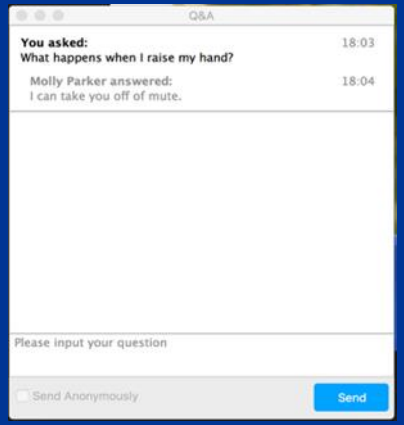

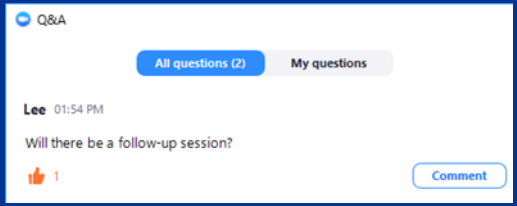

Seizing This Moment

On April 4th, Boston Foundation President and CEO, M. Lee Pelton, announced a new strategic vision for TBF—the result of in-depth meetings with people throughout our region and our board and staff over the last 10 months.

Our New Pathway was inspired by the triple pandemic of COVID-19, the economic devastation it caused, and the very public exposure of the racial disparities that have long plagued our country. It reminded us that there are two Bostons, one prosperous and well off—the other struggling to make ends meet in one of the most unequal cities in America.

It also revealed the devastating effects of systemic and structural racism, which intersect with class, economic, gender and ethnic forms of injustice from which many communities suffer—Black, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islanders, Indigenous, LGBTQA+, immigrants, migrant workers and those living in low-income, under-served communities. And it exposed religious intolerance and hate, such as anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

President and CEO Lee Pelton explains "Our New Pathway"

Our New Pathway: Core Strategies

- **Amplify the impact of the Boston Foundation's civic leadership to create opportunity and equity.**
- **Repair the harm caused by systemic and structural economic, social, gender and racial disparities across all dimensions in our society.**
- **Build and nourish ideas and programs that contribute to an equitable and just society for marginalized communities.**
- **Commit to closing racial wealth gaps.**
- **Inspire and collaborate with our donors and partners to mobilize impactful philanthropy aligned with the Foundation's strategic vision and core strategies.**

SAFETY NET GRANTS

BASELINE ELIGIBILITY

1. **ALIGNS WITH OUR NEW PATHWAY**

2. **501 (c)(3) TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT**
   or operates under fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit

3. **HAS NOT APPLIED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS**

4. **PRIMARILY SERVES PEOPLE IN THE FOUNDATION'S CATCHMENT AREA**
   with the exception of regional, statewide or national public policy efforts when there is a strong connection with and influence on Greater Boston policy interests.

5. **RESPONDS TO AN ESSENTIAL NEED**
   by providing resources that restore health, wellness, safety and belonging for individuals or families in crisis

Parent Teacher Associations and tuition-based schools (k-12 and universities) are not eligible for this funding

ESSENTIAL NEEDS

Essential needs are defined as resources that restore health, wellness, safety and belonging for individuals or families in crisis. They can include, but are not limited to:

- Childcare assistance
- Direct cash assistance
- Food security
- Health care access
- Legal support
- Mental health support
- Rental and housing assistance
- Support for survivors of trauma
- Transportation and mobility support

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED

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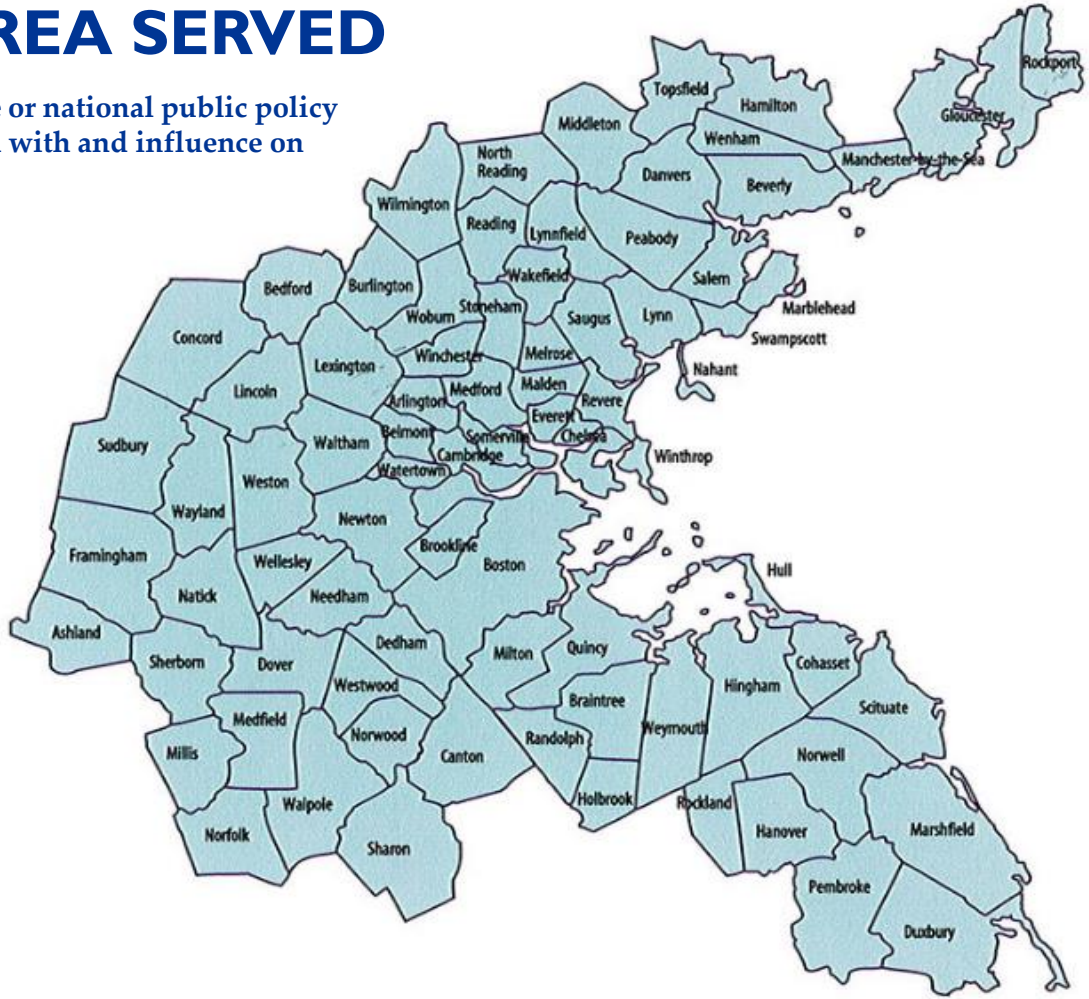

GRANT SIZE & SUPPORT TYPE

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General Operating Support

FUNDING LEVEL
$50,000 paid in two annual installments of $25,000

GRANT PERIOD
Two-year funding commitment

FUNDING PRIORITIES

We are prioritizing eligible organizations that are in **Boston, Chelsea, Lynn, Randolph, and Salem**

We are especially interested in organizations that are:

- Operating with budgets **less than $500,000** in annual revenue;
- **BIPOC-led** and/or whose leadership reflects the demographic composition and lived experiences of the communities they serve;
- Meeting the needs of **seniors and people with physical disabilities**;
- Providing **food, fuel and shelter** support

BIPOC-LED ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations whose mission statement and/or programs aim to serve predominantly BIPOC communities and having one or more of the following:

Executive Director or Senior Leadership (decision makers) identifies as BIPOC
At least 51% of the board of directors identifies as BIPOC
At least 51% of the staff and volunteers are BIPOC

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

- Aligns with **Our New Pathway**, the strategic vision for The Boston Foundation
- Clear mission and vision that guide the organization;
- Strong staff and board leadership, that is diverse and representative (demographic composition and lived experience) of the community they serve;
- Deep commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (internally and externally);
- Strong emphasis on incorporating learnings from a measurement/assessment plan; and
- Strong collaboration/partnerships with community and community-based organizations

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

PROPOSAL'S POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT

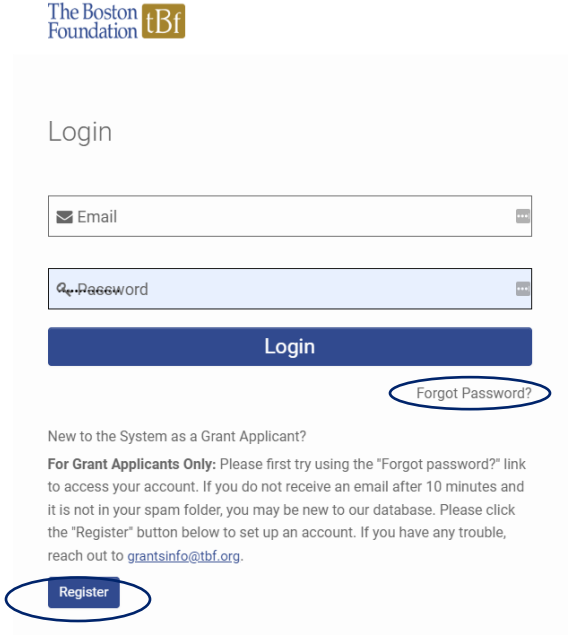
- The grant size will have a meaningful impact on the organization's effectiveness and ability to meet its mission;
- Authentically serves populations and communities historically excluded from institutions and/or systems;
- Clear correlation between annual goals and organization's ability to address the defined challenge or opportunity unfolding in their community; and
- Clear vision of success and a way to measure success on a scale that is appropriate to its learning goals and relative to its resources

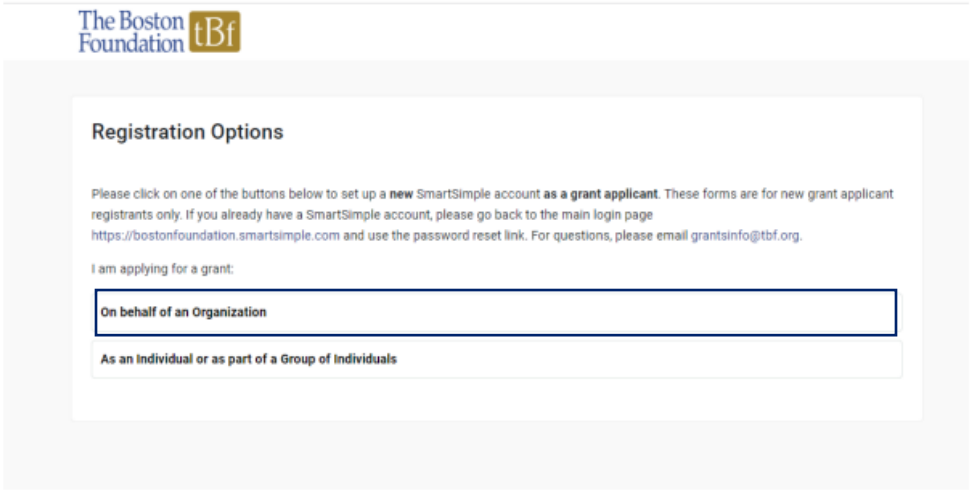
PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING

- The practice of centering affected communities in grant-making decisions by giving them the power to decide which organizations to fund
- Piloted in May 2020 with the Boston Neighborhood Fellows
- Plan to deepen and expand this practice over the next several rounds. Community Reviewers will make up 100% of the upcoming full review round.

I'M ELIGIBLE! HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete an **online narrative application** (available at tbf.org/safetynetgrants)





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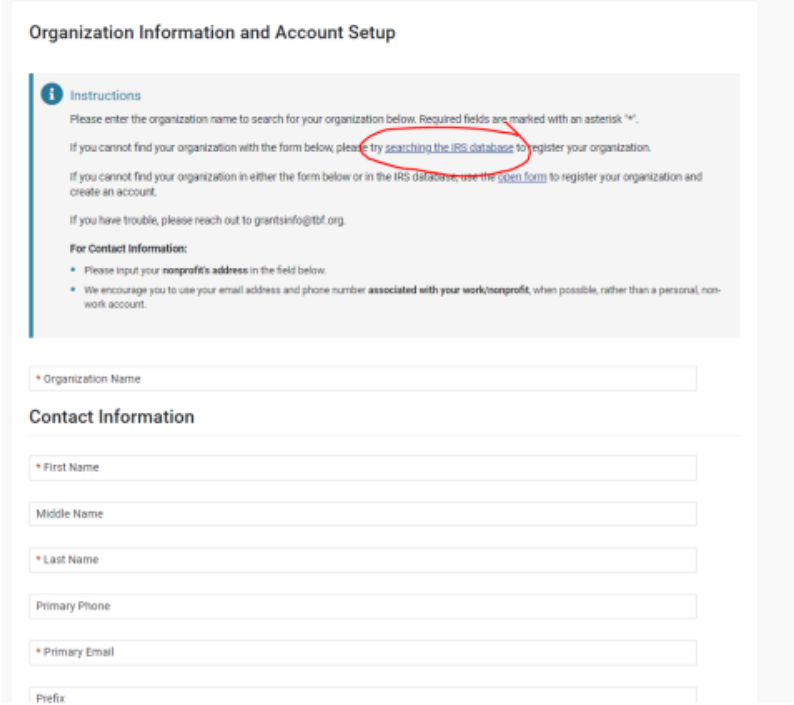

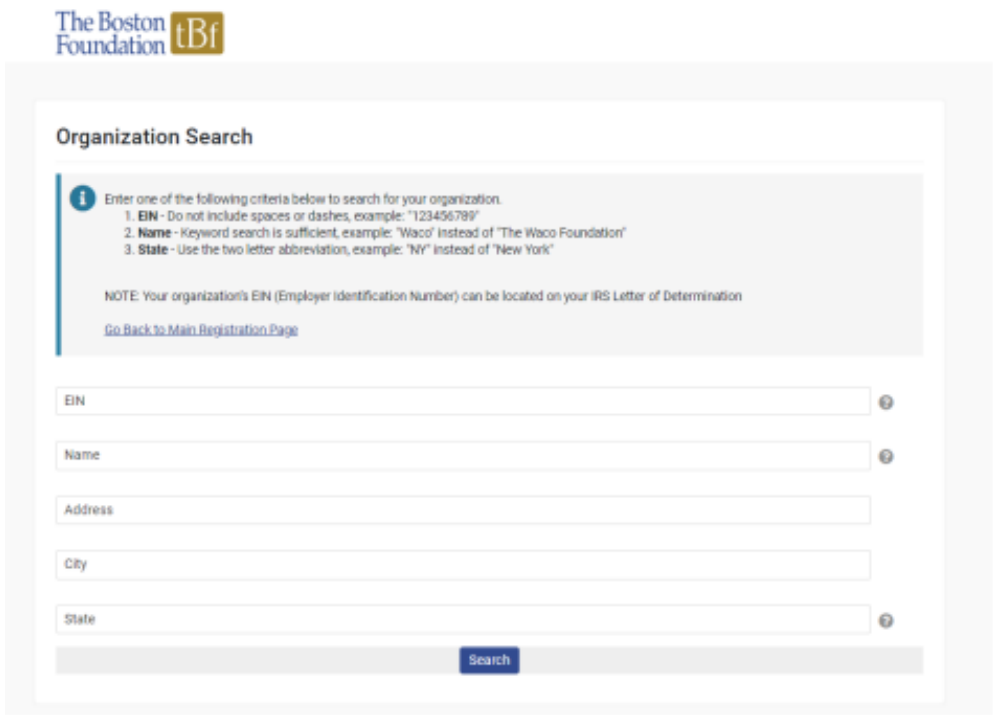

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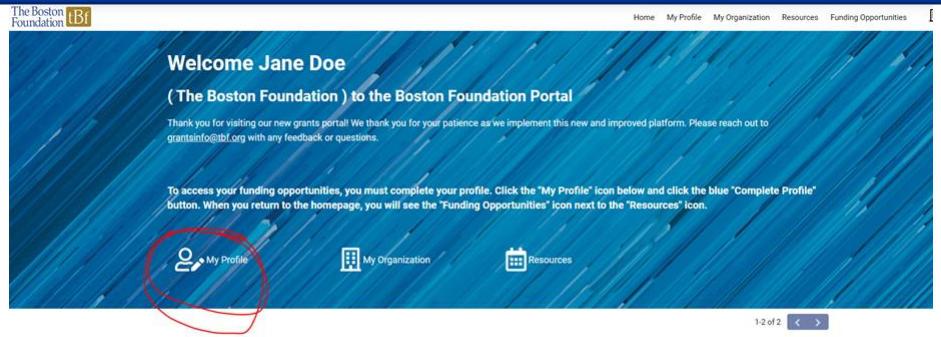

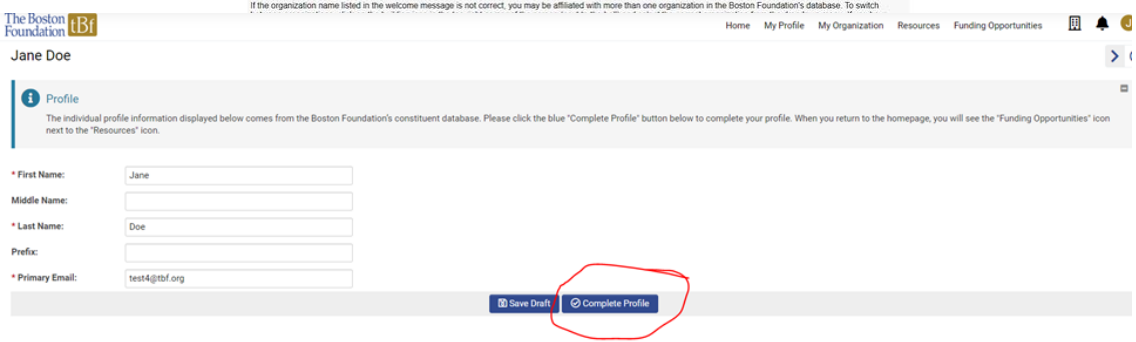

APPLICATION

Funding Opportunities

This page is regularly updated to share grant opportunities open for application at the Boston Foundation. If you do not see any open opportunities below, please be sure to check back at this page periodically, or, subscribe to the Nonprofit Update e-newsletter at this link to be informed of open opportunities as they arise.

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (2)

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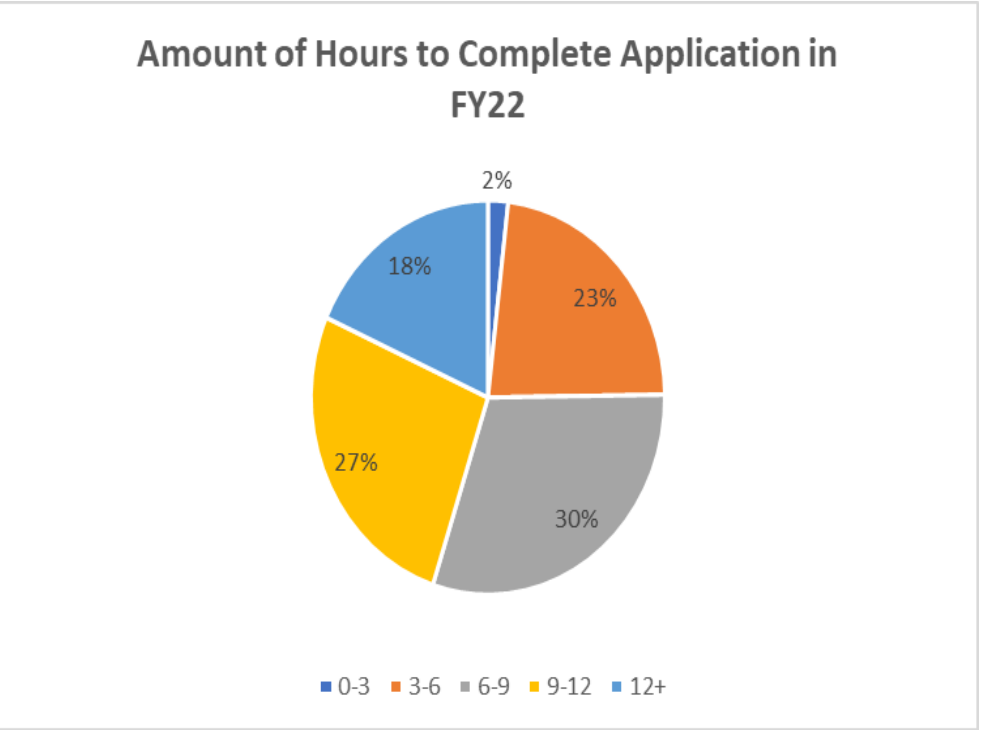
	#	Name	Description	Closed On
Apply for Grant	1	Bruce J. Anderson Foundation FY23	Bruce J. Anderson Foundation grants are made in support of programs, initiatives, and direct services focusing on young people and those who are not served adequately by existing resources (particularly those who are LGBTQ+) in the fields of: Mental health treatment, support, research, & suicide prevention; Historic and archival preservation; Environmental protection; and the Arts. The Bruce J. Anderson Foundation focuses its grantmaking in two geographical areas of Massachusetts: Cape Ann (specifically, the communities of Gloucester, Rockport, Essex and Manchester) and Nashoba Valley (specifically, the communities of Harvard, Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, Shirley and Townsend.) Requests are sought in the $2,500 to $12,000 range. Grant funds are available to support activities that occur after July 1, 2023. Approved requests may be fully or partially funded. Please note that the Board of Directors favors: Programs that will serve a wide segment of the community and assist those who are not served adequately by existing resources; Demonstration projects that provide practical approaches for dealing with specific problems, and programs where the Foundation's contribution is likely to leverage additional support. The Board does not customarily make grants for: scholarships or loans, conferences or films, and/or religious programs. Nor does the Foundation make grants to individuals.	02/23/2023
Apply for Grant	2	Safety Net Grants FY23	The Safety Net grants program is designed to support social service organizations that respond to essential needs for marginalized communities in Greater Boston.	02/16/2023

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS



- Eliminated word limits on open ended questions
- Reduced narrative questions from 6 to 4
- Added a field of interest specific question to the application

Upcoming Deadline: February 15th 2023 at 11:59pm

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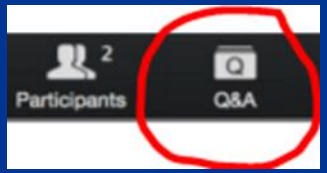

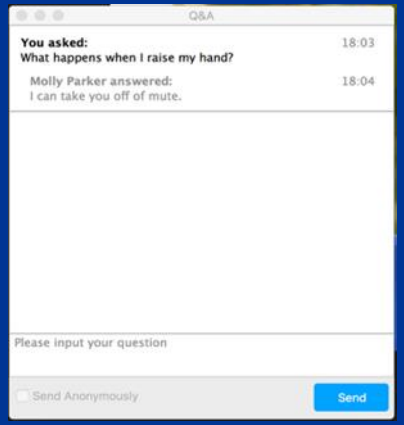

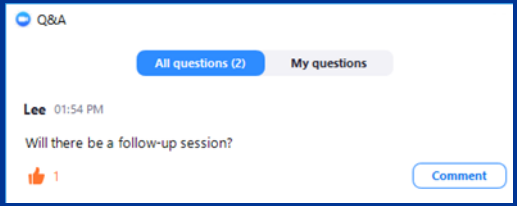

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