



The Boston Foundation

SAFETY NET GRANTS
FY24 INFORMATION
SESSION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023





AGENDA



Safety Net Grants Eligibility



Funding Considerations and Priorities



Application Process



Updates to the Application



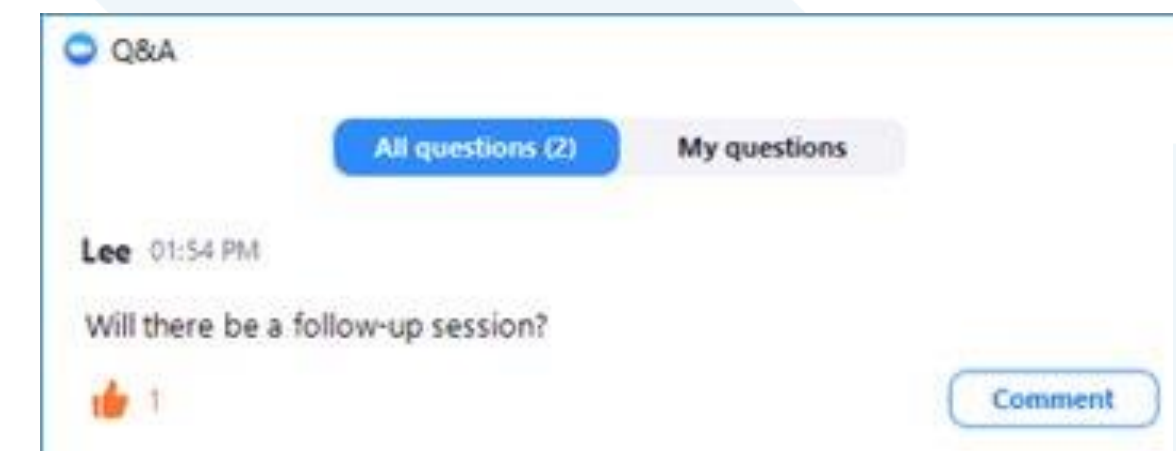
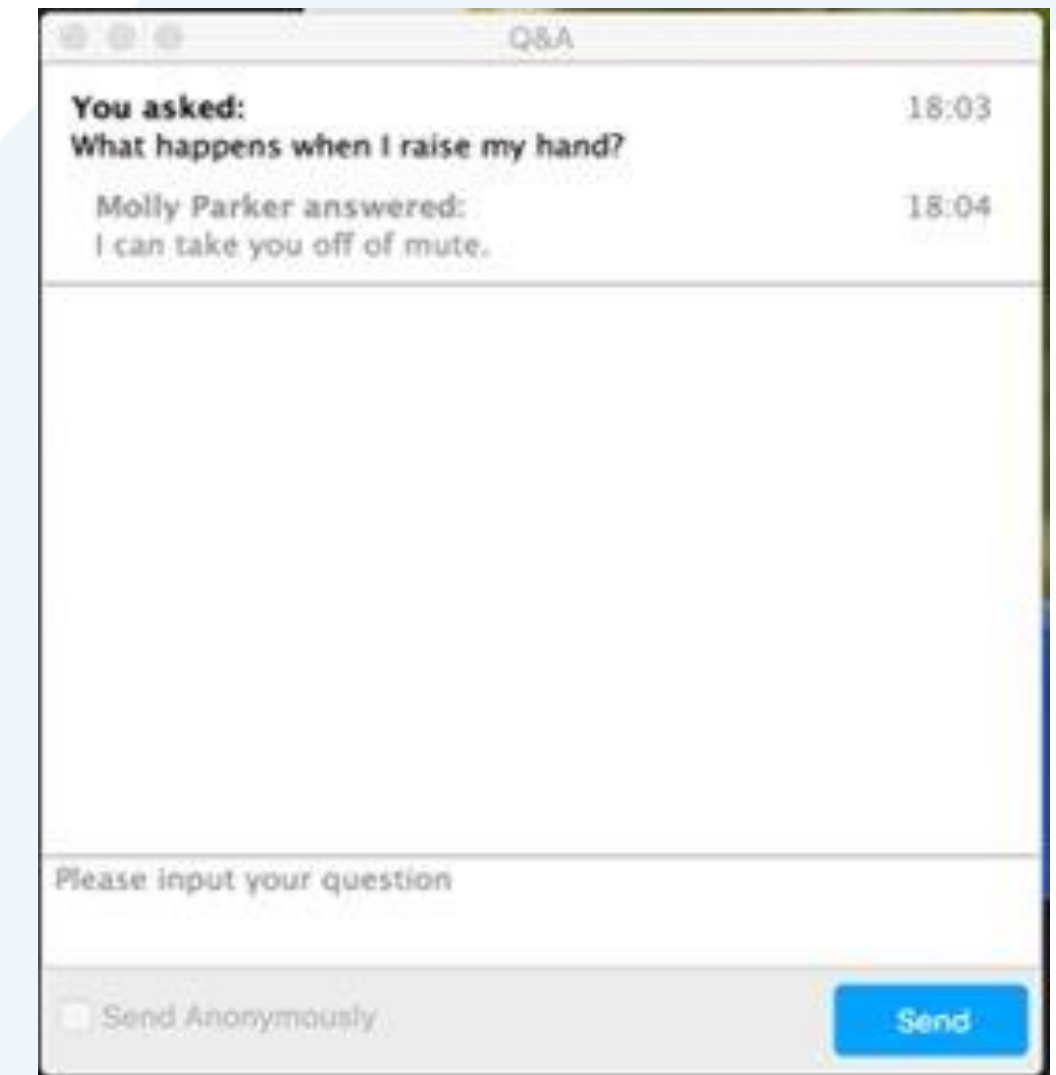
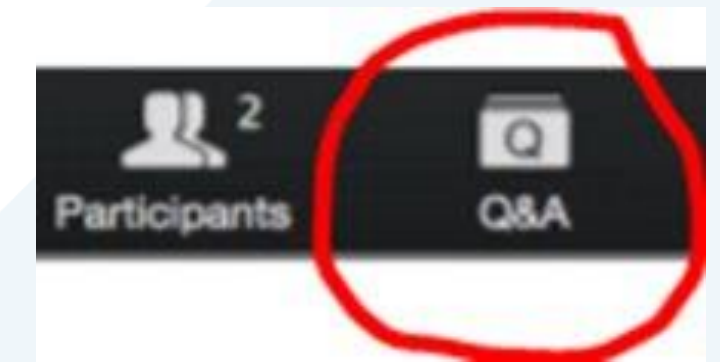
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SAFETY NET GRANTS



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** apart from regional, statewide, or national public policy efforts when there is a strong connection with and influence on the Greater Boston policy interests
- 5 **Responds to an essential need** by providing resources that health, wellness, safety, and belonging for individuals or families in crisis

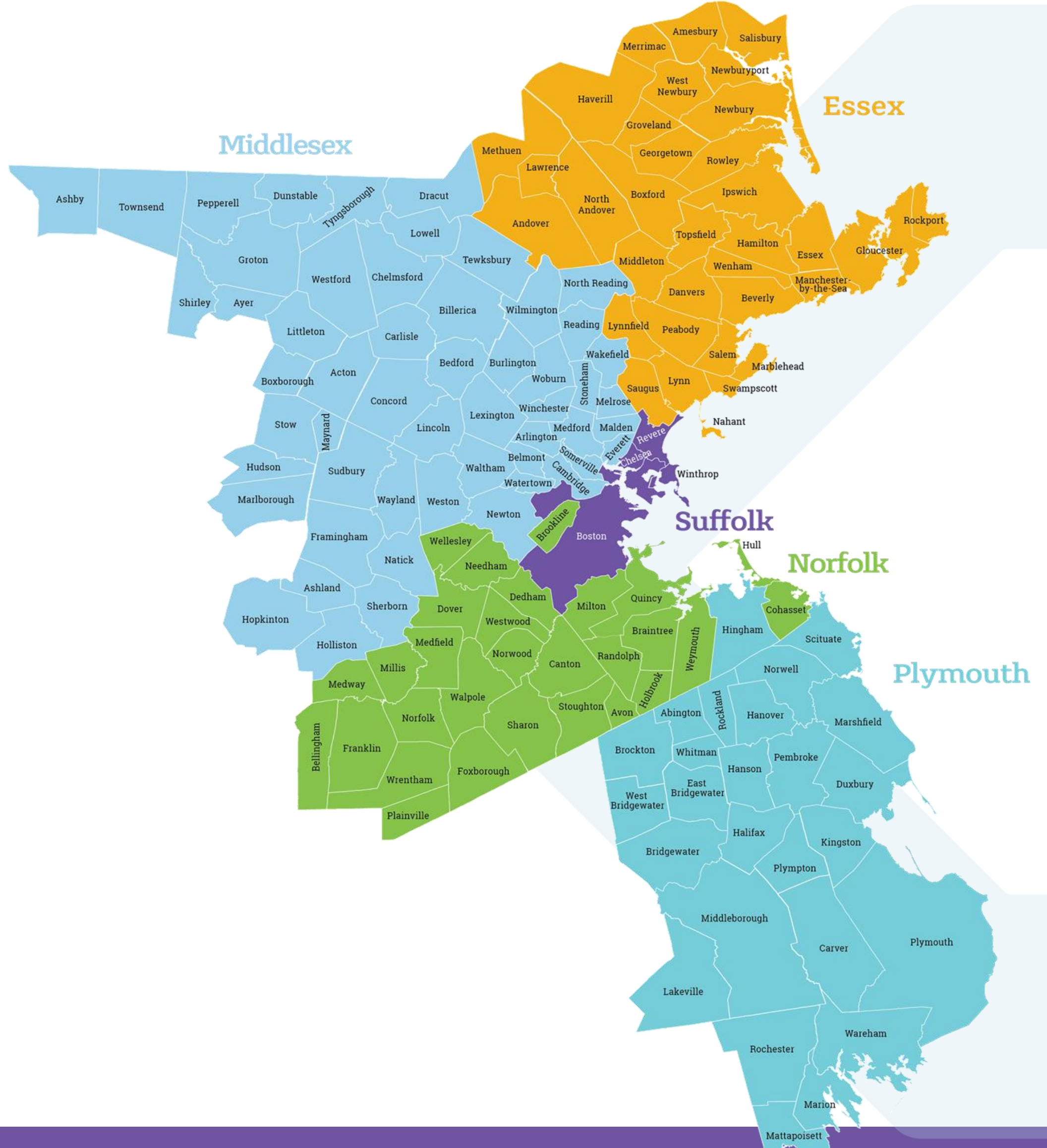
Essential Needs

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

Catchment Area

Apart from regional, statewide or national public policy efforts when there is a strong connection with and influence on Greater Boston policy interests.





Grant Size & Support Type



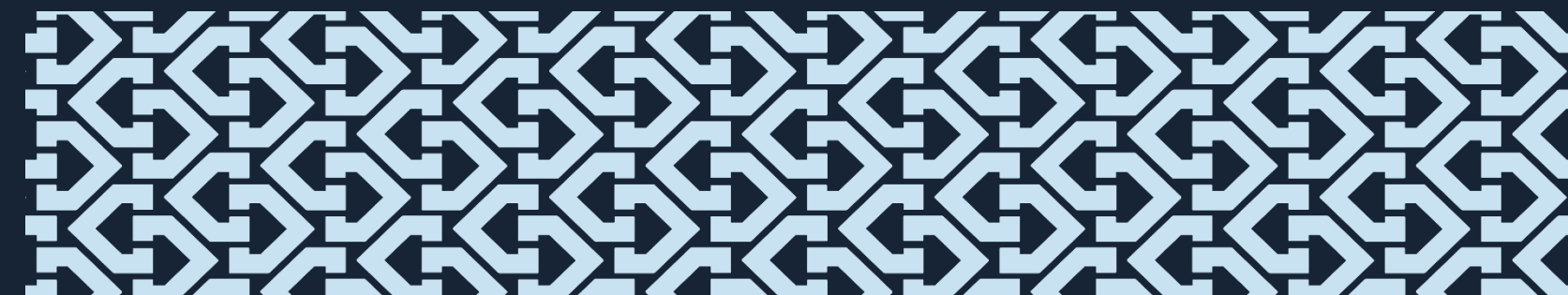
Support Type
General Operating Support



Funding Level
\$50,000 paid in two annual installments of \$25,000



Grant Period
Two-year funding commitment



Funding Priorities

We are especially interested in organizations that are:

- **Smaller** and have been **historically excluded** from philanthropic support;
- **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



I'm eligible! How do I apply?

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



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Forgot Password?

New to the System as a Grant Applicant?

For Grant Applicants Only: Please first try using the "Forgot password?" link to access your account. If you do not receive an email after 10 minutes and it is not in your spam folder, you may be new to our database. Please click the "Register" button below to set up an account. If you have any trouble, reach out to grantsinfo@tbf.org.

Register



Registration Options

Please click on one of the buttons below to set up a **new** SmartSimple account **as a grant applicant**. These forms are for new grant applicant registrants only. If you already have a SmartSimple account, please go back to the main login page <https://bostonfoundation.smartsimple.com> and use the password reset link. For questions, please email grantsinfo@tbf.org.

I am applying for a grant:

On behalf of an Organization

As an Individual or as part of a Group of Individuals (only available for Live Arts Boston and Next Steps grant programs)

I'm eligible! How do I apply?

(The Boston Foundation) to the Boston Foundation Portal

Thank you for visiting our new grants portal! We thank you for your patience as we implement this new and improved platform. Please reach out to grantsinfo@tbf.org with any feedback or questions.



My Profile



My Organization



Resources



Funding Opportunities

Profile Image:



DETAILS

INTEGRATION

SYSTEM

Status:

Active

* First Name:

Quynh

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Nguyen

Initials:

QXN

Prefix:

* Primary Email:

quynh.nguyen@tbf.org

* Organization:

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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.

Please note that grant programs will close on 11:59pm of the listed "Closed On" date. For example, if the Closed On date is listed as 2/20/23, then applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on 2/20/23.

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (2)

1-2 of 2



Name

Description

Closed On

Apply for Grant

1

Safety Net Grants FY24 Round 1

The Safety Net grants program is designed to support social service organizations that respond to essential needs for marginalized communities in Greater Boston. Applications are due at 9/26 at 11:59pm.

09/26/2023

Apply for Grant

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Live Arts Boston Organizations

Live Arts Boston

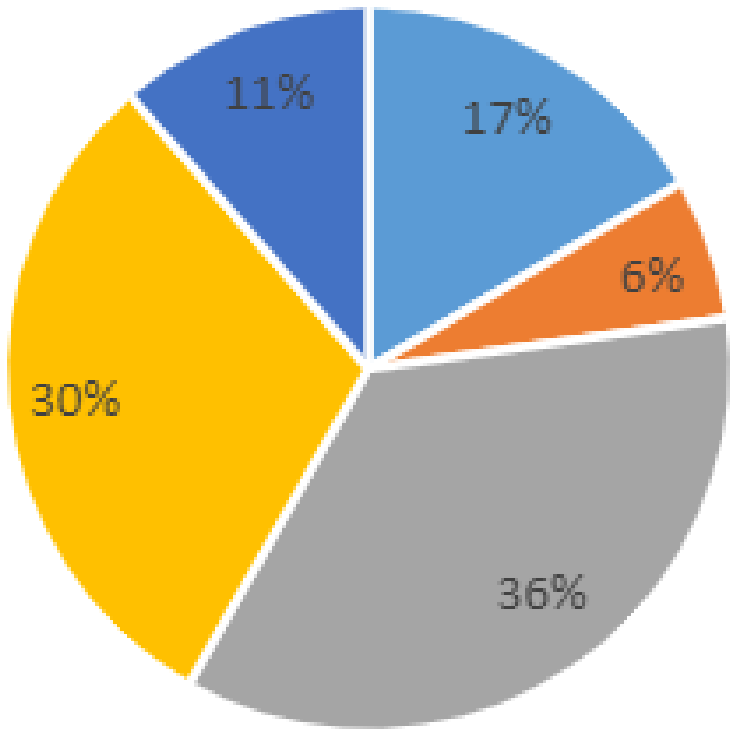
05/01/2024



**Upcoming
Deadline: September 26,
2023 at 11:59pm**

Application Considerations

Amount of Hours to Complete an Application



■ 0-3 ■ 12+ ■ 3-6 ■ 6-9 ■ 9-12

Tweaked our funding priorities and how we are evaluating areas of greatest need

Updated demographics section with questions on BIPOC-led and staff size

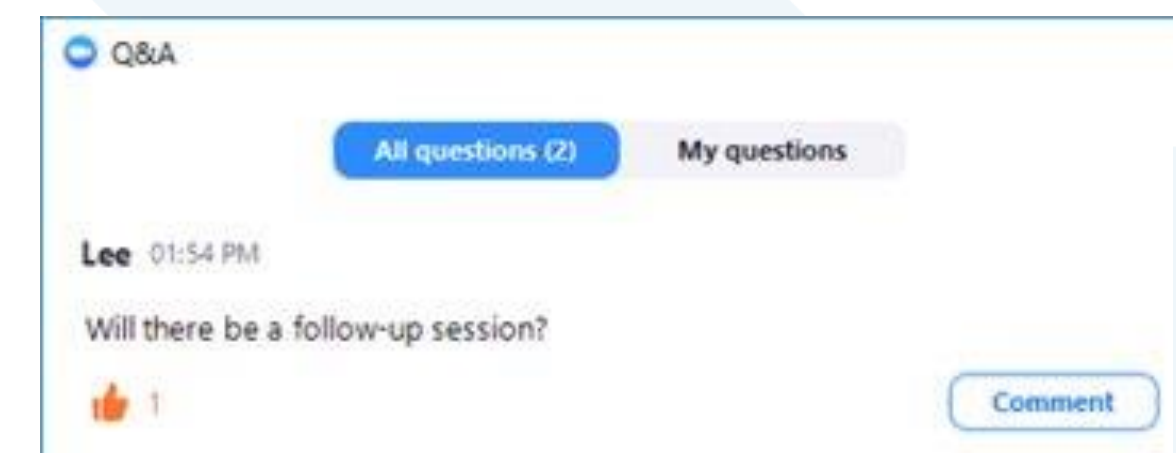
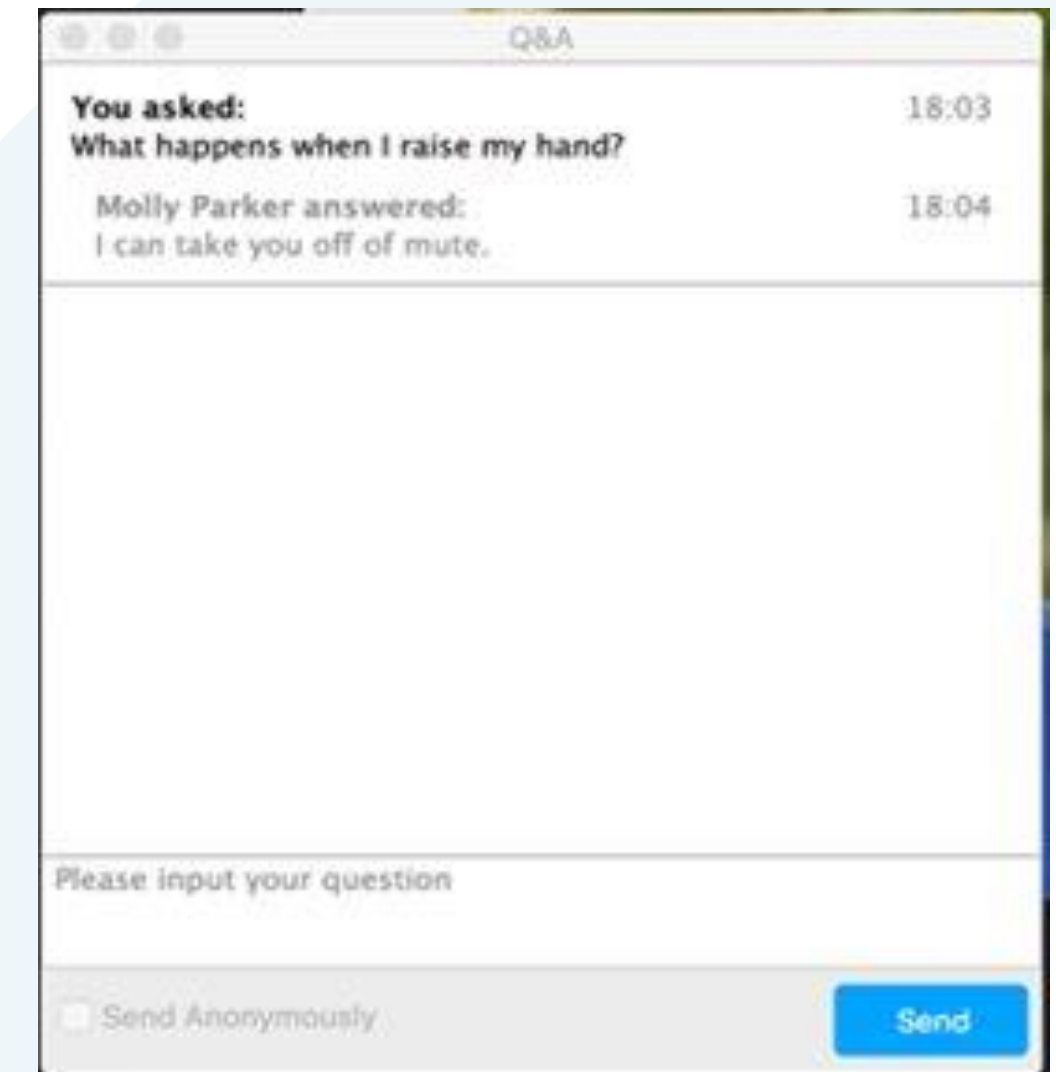
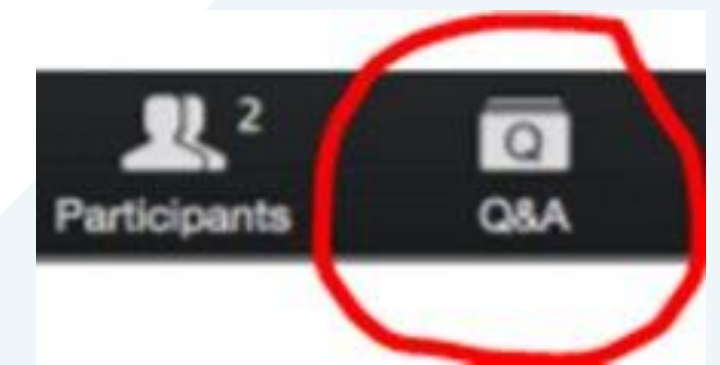
Updated field of interest question so folks can select top 3 responses

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