



# **PUBLIC LANDS**

# **2023**

# **BUDGET REQUEST**

**October 31, 2022**

JESS KIRBY, GISP  
SUMMIT COUNTY  
PUBLIC LANDS MANAGER





## PURPOSE

The Summit County Public Lands Department provides leadership in organizing, managing, and implementing the County Council's strategic vision for open lands and natural resource management.

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# RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administers the inventory, planning and management of Summit County governed open lands, agriculture protection areas, conservation easements and water rights
- Serves as the natural resource agency & regional land liaison for the County
- Facilitates land management related collaboration between relevant stakeholders, to promote cross-boundary landscape scale forest health & watershed restoration efforts
- Identifies funding opportunities, prepares applications & proposals to facilitate wildfire fuel reduction & watershed restoration efforts
- Organizes & manages the activities of Summit County Open Space Advisory Boards (OSAC, BOSAC & ESAP) on all matters related to meeting the Council's objectives in open space and agricultural preservation

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# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Public Lands Department promotes:

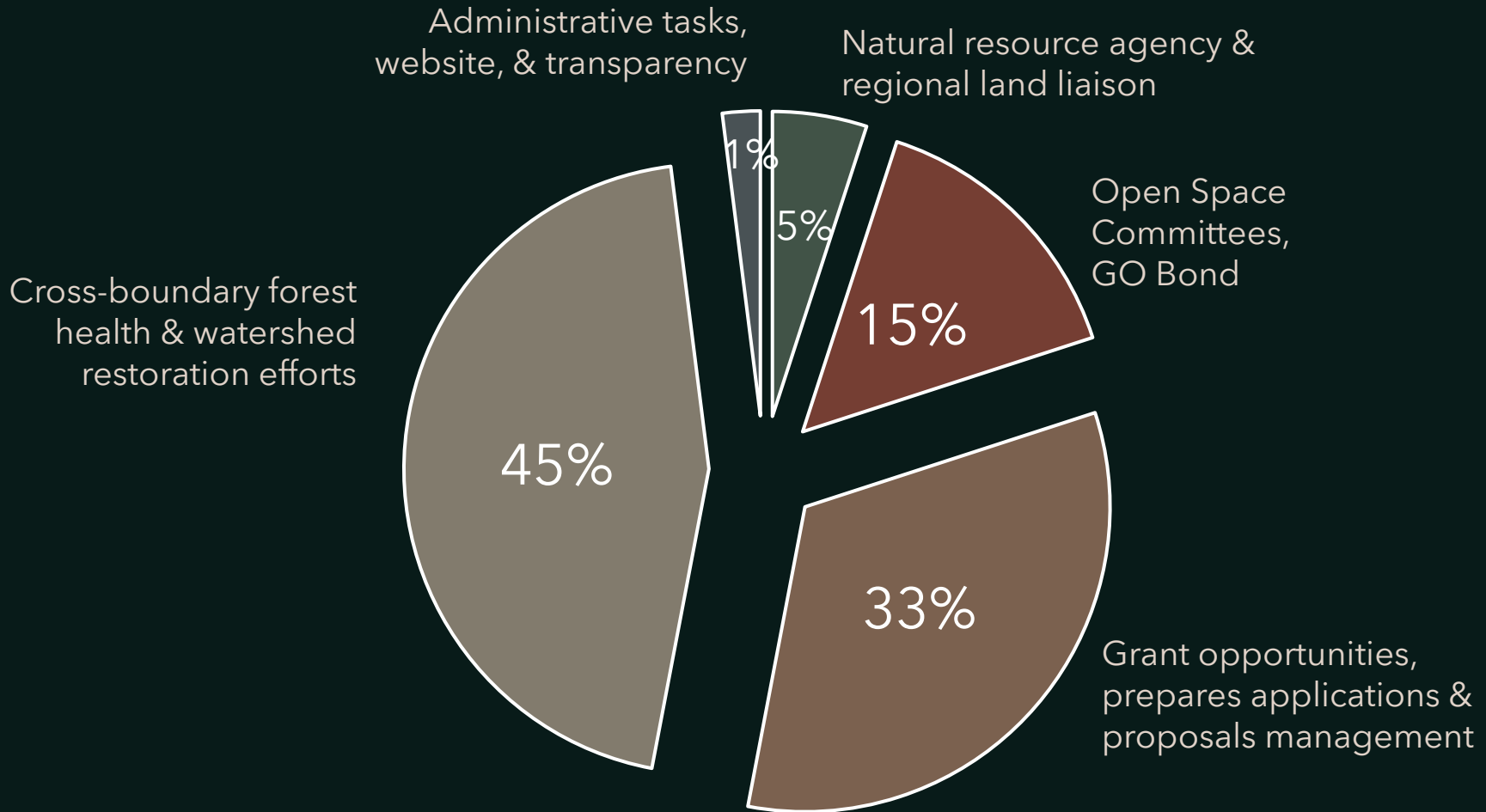
- 1) Progressive land stewardship and practical management and project development implementation
- 2) Accurate land and water right ownership information
- 3) Collaborative leadership, guidance, and implementation with respect to habitat, regional land use connectivity, open space acquisition, forest health initiatives and watershed resilience efforts.

The department provides direction and guidance for the identification, protection and management of Summit County open lands to conserve, preserve, and promote the rural mountain character, unique natural areas and superior quality of life for residents and visitors.

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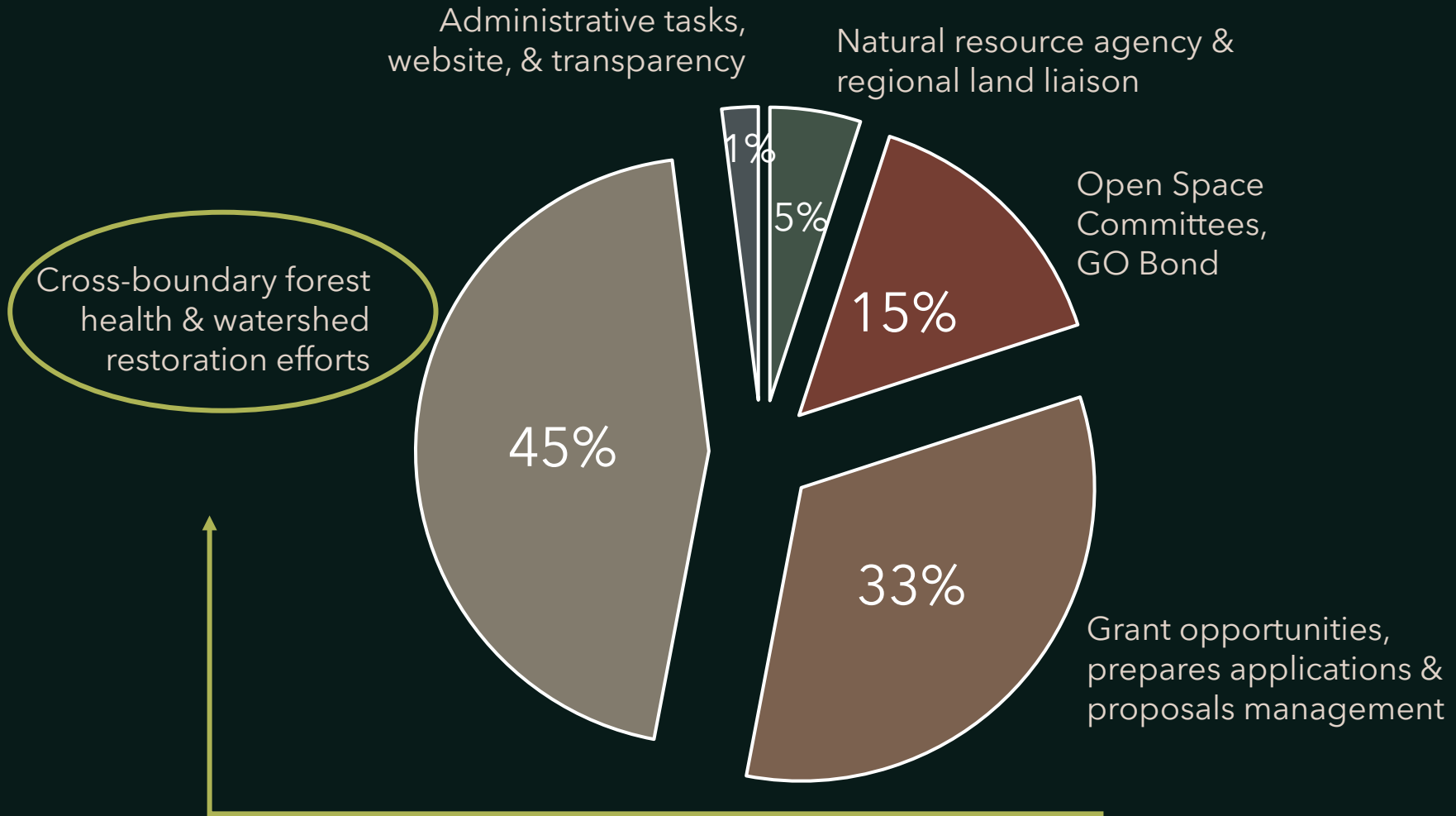
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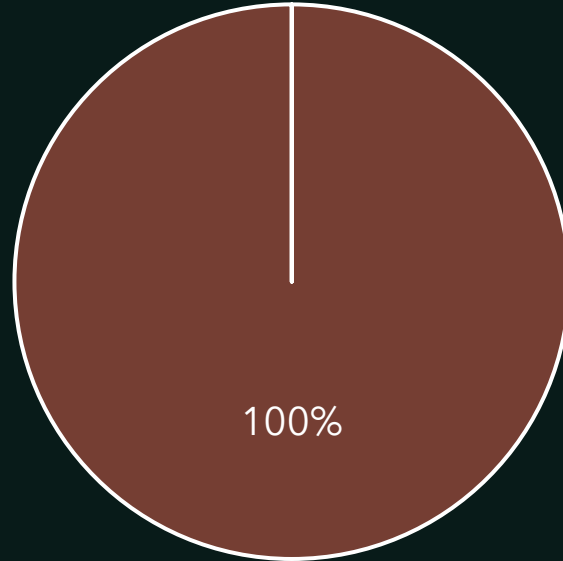


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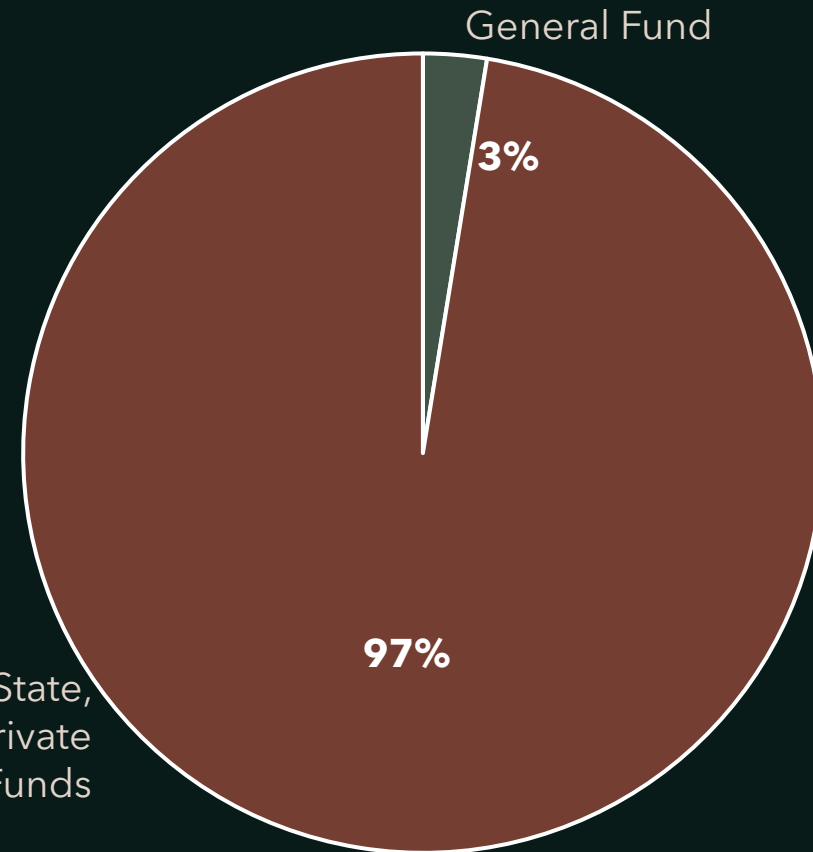
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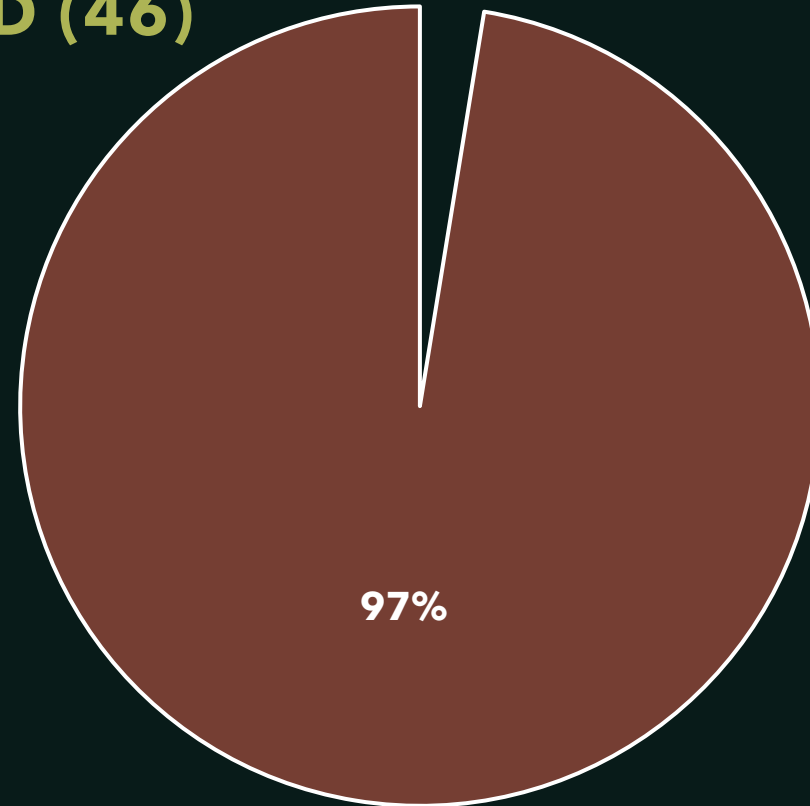


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## UNICORNS & FAIRIES FUND (46)

\$3,412,230 (4551)

**100% GRANT  
NO GENERAL FUND \$**



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# BUDGET REQUEST 2023

## #1 Department Need

### Increased Capacity - Unrestricted Staff

- Summit County Lands
  - Partial grant funded
  - 3-year time limited
- Possible cost share position with NFF or WRI

### Funding will increase capacity by:


- Administrative duties for Open Space Committee's and GO Bond responsibility
- Land and conservation inventory/mapping
- Water rights investigation, mapping, & management
- Website maintenance, public outreach & transparency
- On the ground project management
- Grant reporting & management
- Long-term planning, monitoring & reporting



### GENERAL FUND

\$40,050 (4117)

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## PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT 2023 TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST

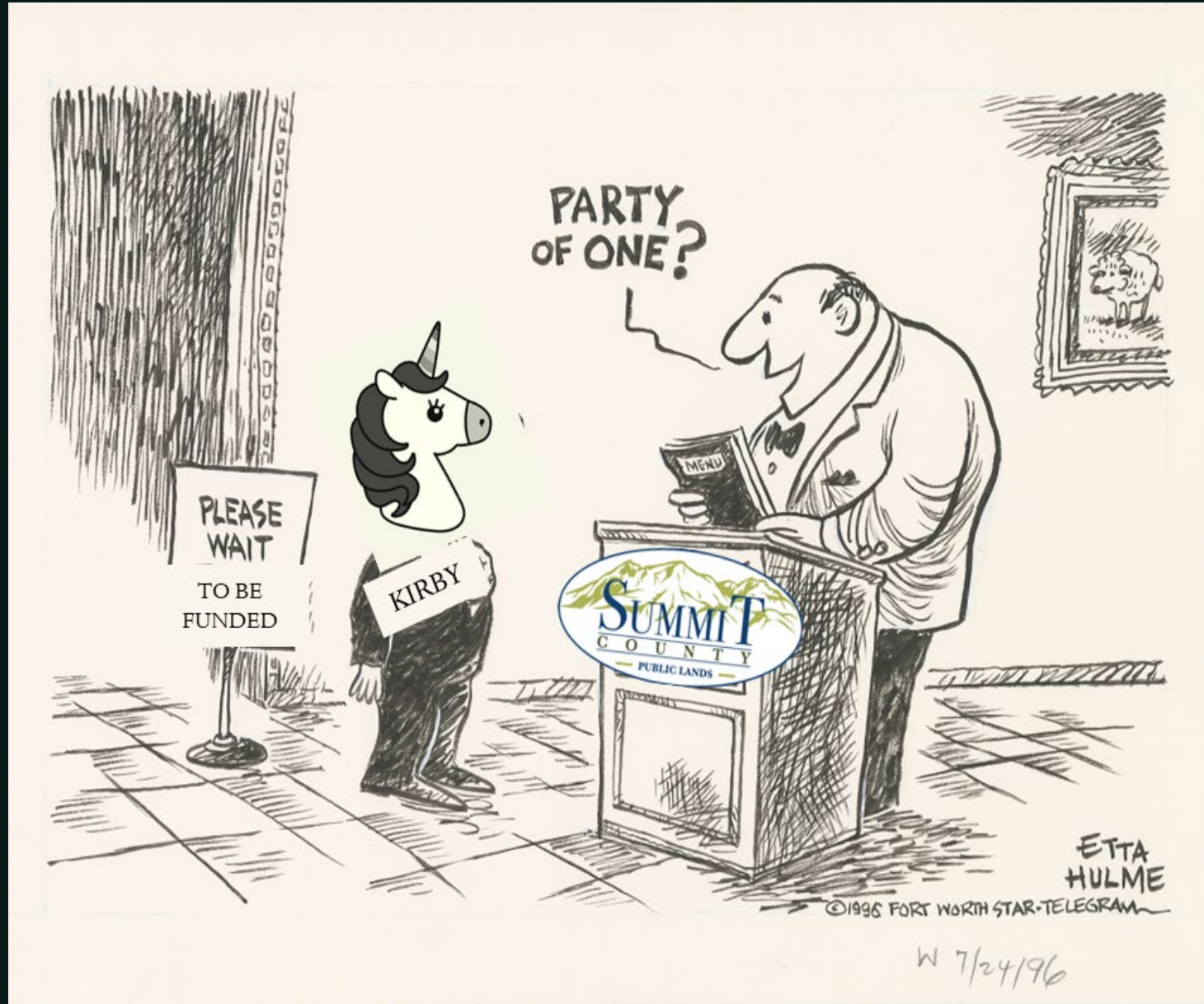
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# QUESTIONS?



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