



**Metropolitan Volunteer Program  
Fiscal Year 2025**

**Student Fees Advisory Committee  
2025 One Time Request**

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### **FY25 One-Time Request**

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program's (MVP) FY24 One-Time request is as follows:

1. \$8,109.00 for Be The MVP

MVP believes that this request will allow us to more effectively meet the needs of the city of Houston and the Third Ward community. If approved, these funds will provide students with the opportunity to engage with MVP at the beginning of the year, and how to create positive, sustainable change in our community.

### **FY23 One-Time Request – Be The MVP**

MVP hosted Be the MVP for the third time this past August 2023, an event to connect with students at the University of Houston through different activities established by our chairs on the first day of classes. We increased our attendance from the previous year, increasing from 429 attendees to 475 attendees. Students were able to stay cool while completing service projects thanks to tents, enjoy food while they worked, and music provided by a DJ. These features attracted greater attendance, which led to an increased quantity of service projects that were able to be completed. Be The MVP provides an avenue for us to create a first impression of our organization and our impact in the community during Weeks of Welcome. Through this event, we are not only able to introduce ourselves to incoming students, but also connect students to opportunities for service in our community and the campus. This year, we promoted nearly a dozen volunteering events taking place during the first few weeks of school as well as promoting volunteer student leader positions. This led to increased turnout at our first three MVP committee events including, Cougar Cupboard, South Shaver Elementary School back-to-school kits, Nora's Home Family Night, all of which promoted positive change in the greater Houston area.

We hope Be The MVP will provide an opportunity for students to learn more about our four different service committees (Hunger & Homelessness, Children & Education, Health & Wellness, and Environment & Sustainability) and the work we have previously done with our different community partners. This event is made to encourage UH students to be involved in the community and establish a direct line of communication between students and the organization's board members. We plan to establish Be The MVP as a signature event that we would like to continue to host during Weeks of Welcome.

Funding Request:

Chair Activity Supplies	\$800.00
Marketing	\$500.00
Entertainment	\$1500.00
20x40 Tent and Fans	\$2,100.00
DJ Services	\$250.00
Food + Drinks	\$2,500.00
Subtotal	\$7,650.00
Administrative Fee 6%	\$459.00
Total	\$8,109.00

When comparing MVP to our Big XII peer institutions, in many ways we stand out as a unique organization. The majority of the Big XII institutions host one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities in their local community, and many host alternative break programs. However, these initiatives are hosted by either departments or student organizations, not an organization comparable to a University Sponsored Organization.

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program would like to thank you for your consideration of our request.