

Metropolitan Volunteer Program
Student Fees Advisory Committee
SSF Request for 2012-2013
Base Augmentation Request

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program is requesting a FY2013 base augmentation request of \$17,200.00 to fund transportation for students to volunteer around the community. This cost will primarily cover a rental bus that will transport students from the University of Houston to certain volunteer locations around Houston.

One of the challenges MVP currently faces is the lack of participation from students because of limited resources. In particular, students that live on campus do not have any means of transportation. By providing a three-day bus service every other week, students gain more access to volunteer opportunities around Houston.

MVP will provide a monthly schedule that targets different sectors of community. By providing this, MVP will help create an awareness of many social issues in the Houston community and will potentially educate students to become active citizens.

The total estimated cost for additional transportation for students:

Transportation (45 days)	\$16,000.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$960.00
<u>VPSA Administrative Charge</u>	<u>\$240.00</u>
Total=	\$17,200.00

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The Metropolitan Volunteer Program is requesting a FY2013 base augmentation request of \$6,450.00 to fund Rock the Block. Rock the Block has been an occurring event at the University of Houston that has always been funded through one-time allocations and through partnerships.

We are requesting to incorporate Rock the Block as an event that occurs annually every spring. The University of Houston is striving to become tier one in as many aspects as possible. One important aspect is the immediate community that surrounds the University of Houston. We will be able to involve students in community service, while instilling in them a sense of pride for their institution. This event will not only be beneficial for the student volunteers but MVP is hopeful that this will help engage the University of Houston's faculty and staff and different UH departments.

MVP will be partnering with the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department-Emancipation Park and potentially UH departments. The cost will help cover advertisement, deposit and fees, permits with the City of Houston, supplies for the collection of trash, food for the volunteer, and entertainment during the event.

The total estimated cost for Rock the Block:

Rock the Block	\$5,000.00
Permits and deposits	\$1,000.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$360.00
<u>VPSA Administrative Charge</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total=	\$6,450.00

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The Metropolitan Volunteer Program is requesting a FY2013 base augmentation request of \$4,837.50 to fund MVP's green initiative that will create an annual event where students will plant multiple trees in a designated areas in need around Houston.

During summer orientation of 2011, Metropolitan Volunteer Program asked the 750 students that signed up for MVP what types of volunteer opportunities they would like to see more. Over 400 students wanted to get involved in a tree-planting activity. To make this possible, MVP will partner with Trees for Houston to provide an annual event during the spring semester to plant at least 20 trees in neighborhoods, parks and any locations that are lacking in vegetation.

In order to achieve this demand, MVP is requesting \$4,500 that will primarily assist in purchasing of 20 trees for \$50.00 each, maintenance of the trees at \$75.00 each and \$450.00 in purchasing of supplies such as vests, gloves, sunscreens and/or insect repellent, and in advertisement.

This annual event will help the Houston community bounce back from the decreasing amount of trees. It will also provide an opportunity for students to learn the value of service while creating an impact in the community and their environment.

The total estimated cost for Green Initiative/Trees for Houston:

Cost, maintenance, supplies	\$2,9500.00
Box lunches	\$700.00
Transportation	\$850.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$270.00
<u>VPSA Administrative Charge</u>	<u>\$67.50</u>
Total=	\$4,837.50

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One-Time Allocation Request

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program is requesting a FY2013 one-time allocation request of \$2,150.00 to purchase low maintenance tools needed for community improvements such as shovels, rake, hoes, gloves, vests, hats, bins, etc. Purchasing our own tools will be a long term investment for the University of Houston and MVP.

One of the challenges that MVP faces with the budget is purchasing and renting tools. By renting the tools continuously every year MVP is losing money. With on-going and future events such as the green initiative with Trees for Houston, beach clean ups, Rock the Block, Rock the Campus and Habitat for Humanity, there has been an urgent need for MVP to invest in low maintenance tools. With the current changes in MVP, owning our own tools will be crucial for the development of MVP's programs.

The total estimated cost for additional tools:

Gardening and outdoor tools	\$2,000.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$120.00
<u>VPSA Administrative Charge</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total=	\$2,150.00