



**Metropolitan Volunteer Program  
Fiscal Year 2019**

**Student Fees Advisory Committee  
One-Time Request FY20**

## Metropolitan Volunteer Program FY2020 One-Time Request

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program's (MVP) FY2020 One-Time request is as follows:

1. \$3,370.80 for Volunteer Fairs

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 create positive, sustainable change in our community.

### **FY2020 One-Time Request #1 – Volunteer Fairs**

MVP hosts a Volunteer Fair each semester to connect students at the University of Houston with local charities and non-profit agencies that are in need of volunteers. Through service projects and awareness events, MVP supports over 50 unique local non-profit agencies in the Third Ward and Houston community each year. The Volunteer Fairs provide an avenue for our community partners to come to campus and share additional resources and opportunities directly with our students.

The Volunteer Fairs provide an opportunity for students to learn about consistent volunteer opportunities with community partners directly from volunteer coordinators. These events encourage UH students to take more responsibility for taking care of their community beyond their involvement with MVP. Through the Volunteer Fairs, MVP facilitates a direct line of communication between students and community partners.

Starting in Fall 2017, MVP switched locations for the Volunteer Fair from Butler Plaza to the Student Center Plaza with the goal of fostering better interactions between students and volunteer partners. Even though our attendance was lower than previous years, the quality of interactions was greater. When we hosted the events in Butler Plaza, many of the students counted in attendance were simply walking through the space on their way to class. In the Student Center Plaza, more people had more meaningful interactions and were interested in being involved with the various volunteer opportunities.

After relocating the event, we wanted to get feedback from our long-time volunteer partners on how they thought the Student Center Plaza compared to Butler Plaza. At our evaluation lunch with all of the volunteer partners we had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback. The smaller space created a better environment for more meaningful conversations and recruiting volunteers and educating students on their causes.

**DSAES Values:** Collaboration, Empowerment

**DSAES Partnerships 3:** Create opportunities for our students by developing initiatives that support our neighboring communities.

Funding Request:

Volunteer Fair supplies	\$300.00
Marketing	\$500.00
CoogRadio DJ Services	\$250.00
Boxed Lunches x40	\$360.00
<u>Parking Passes for Community Partners</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>
Subtotal	\$1,590.00
Events	x2
	\$3,180.00
<u>Administrative Fee 6%</u>	<u>\$190.80</u>
Total	\$3,370.80

**Total One-Time Request**

Volunteer Fairs	\$3,370.80
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The Metropolitan Volunteer Program would like to thank you for your consideration of our request.