



**Metropolitan Volunteer Program
Fiscal Year 2026**

**Student Fees Advisory Committee
2026 Base Augmentation Request
Be the MVP**

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The Metropolitan Volunteer Program (MVP) is submitting one Base Augmentation Request to begin FY26. The Base Augmentation Request for the Be the MVP event is as follows:

1. \$9,858.00 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, informing students on how they can create sustainable change in our community.

FY26 Base Augmentation Request – Be The MVP

MVP hosted Be the MVP for the fourth time this past August 2024. This is an event to connect with students at the University of Houston through different activities established by our Chairs on or near the first day of classes. This year we increased our attendance from the previous year again, increasing from 475 attendees to 495 attendees. This continues the trend of increased attendance each year for this event. Students were able to stay cool while completing service projects because of the 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 an excellent 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 committee events taking place during the first few weeks of school as well as promoting our volunteer student leader positions known as Co-Chair Applications. This led to increased turnout at our first three MVP committee events including Target Hunger Community Garden, Santa Maria Hostel, and Nora's Home Family Night, all of which promoted positive change in the greater Houston area.

We hope Be The MVP will continue to provide an opportunity for students to learn more about our four different service committees (Hunger & Homelessness, Children & Education, Health & Wellness, and Environment & Sustainability) and what we have already accomplished 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. With the support of a Base Augmentation from SFAC, we hope to continue to plan Be The MVP as a signature event that is hosted during Weeks of Welcome for years to come.

Funding Request	
Chair Activity Supplies	\$1,000.00
Marketing	\$500.00
Entertainment	\$2,000.00
20x40 Tent and Fans	\$3,000.00
DJ Services	\$300.00
Food and Beverage	\$2,500.00
Subtotal:	\$9,300.00
UH Admin Fee (6%)	\$558.00
Total:	\$9,858.00

When comparing MVP to our Big XII peer institutions, in many ways we stand out as a unique organization. The University of Central Florida and Brigham Young University both have student led volunteer programs, however only UCF hosts a student led, large service-based event during the first week of classes. The majority of the Big XII institutions, including UCF, host one-time event during the first couple weeks of the semester. Be the MVP is unique in that students can come and go and learn about the organization as opposed to spending an extended amount of time engaged in community service during that first week.

At most other institutions, these initiatives are hosted by either departments or registered 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.