

Metropolitan Volunteer Program

**Student Fees Advisory Committee**

**FY 14 One Time Request**

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program is requesting a FY2014 one time request of \$ 4,622 to fund MVP’s green initiative that will create an annual event named “Plant the Pride” where students will plant multiple trees in designated areas on campus.

During the spring break 2012, with great support from Trees for Houston and UH Sustainability Task Force, and UH Plant Operation, MVP hosted an event called “Plant the Pride” at the parking lot 9B. There were more than 40 students participated and helped planting 15 trees in this area. After the event, most of the students agreed that it would be great if MVP could continue to do the event annually. MVP would like to continue partnering with Trees for Houston and UH Sustainability Task Force to provide an annual event during the spring semester to plant at least 20 trees in any locations on campus that are lacking green spaces. It is crucial since there are lots of new buildings have been created at the University of Houston and MVP believes that each building will need to have its green spaces.

In order to achieve this demand, MVP is requesting \$4300 that will primarily assist in purchasing of 20 trees for \$150 each, and \$600 in purchasing of supplies such as vests, gloves, sunscreens, and/or insect repellent and in advertisement

This annual event will beautify University of Houston and support for the green initiatives. It will also provide an opportunity for students to learn the value of service while creating an impact, showing their pride of University of Houston, the community and the environment.

**The total estimated cost for Plant the Pride/ Trees for Houston**

Cost, supplies, advertising	\$3,600.00
Box lunches	\$ 700.00
UH Administrative Charge	\$ 258.00
<u>VPSA Administrative Charge</u>	<u>\$ 64.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,622.00</b>