

SFAC Committee,

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program requests a one-time allocation of \$6000 for the Spring 2010 semester to assist with the funding of Rock the Block. During the summer, we asked students to give us feedback of our effectiveness of Rock the Block and the overwhelming consensus was to move it away from the beginning of Homecoming so that the event would have more meaning and truly be an opportunity for service learning instead of just a way to get Homecoming points. We used Homecoming as the catalysis for Rock the Block to be a fundraiser to help by energy efficient appliances for residents of Third Ward to be awarded during the spring.

The event will be held during the spring in collaboration with Houston Community College and the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department-Emancipation Park. The goal is to clean up the community around the park and to engage the residents with a health fair and possibly a job fair. We have partnered with the Third Ward Community Cloth and the UH/third Ward Initiative to truly have a project that engages the community.

We are requesting an additional \$6000 to assist in funding this project so that we will be able to have food for the volunteers, supplies for the collection of trash, costs for entertainment during the event, deposits, and permits with the City of Houston.

During the transition of the Metropolitan Volunteer Program an outstanding bill needed to be reconciled that was not taken care of before the end of the fiscal year and \$3,330 balance was paid during this fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration of this budgeting request.

The Metropolitan Volunteer Program