

CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



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Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC)

ONE-TIME FUNDING ALLOCATION
REQUESTS FOR FY 2017

**Center for Student Involvement
One-Time Requests FY2017**

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Performer Fees (i.e. magician, interactive dance troupe, hypnotist, etc.)	\$6,600.00
Novelties (i.e. caricatures, face painting, etc.)	\$3,000.00
Food & Refreshments	\$850.00
Marketing (Posters, Banners, Digital Screens)	\$900.00
Supplies	\$1000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$753.00
Total	\$13,091.00

FY2017 One-Time Request #4– ServeUH

For 2016-2017, University of Houston was selected as a NASPA Lead Initiative Institution. This prestigious designation was granted to less than 100 institutions. UH has new access to resources and a network of institutions that have proven to be effective in the development of civic learning and democratic engagement programs. In tandem with this classification, the Center for Student Involvement is rebranding our community and civic engagement programming to ServeUH.

The goals of ServeUH are:

- To provide a broader range of experiences for students allowing us to empower students to become active, global citizens who lead with a lifelong commitment to service.
- To begin the development of programs focused on addressing local and national elections, social issue education, civil discourse, and more.
- To expand our tracking of volunteer service hours to support more students earning the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). The PVSA is an award from the President of the United States that recognizes members of the community who have completed 100+ volunteer service hours within a year. During 2015-2016, 23 UH students earned this award. With an increase in marketing and awareness about this award, we expect that number to increase significantly.
- To engage our students with local and national politics in a sustainable way, not just during a presidential election year. The plans for growth in Election Programming include hosting voter registration drives each year, providing resources for our students to be educated about the issues and candidates during the voting process, and subsidizing transportation to the Palm Center, a nearby polling center, via the Metro.

During Fall 2016, CSI is partnering with the Dean of Students, Student Government Association, Homecoming, and the Student Centers to support Presidential Election programming through Debate and Election Night Watch Parties. As ServeUH develops, we will look to deepen existing partnerships and develop new partnerships across campus and in the community.

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Funding Request

Marketing (ongoing throughout the academic year)	\$2,500.00
President's Volunteer Service Award- marketing, medallions, and certificates	\$1,400.00
Election Programming	\$1,000.00
Constitution Day	\$500.00
Supply Budget	\$1,500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$384.00
Total	\$7,314.00

FY2017 One-Time Request #5 – CoogCounts

The Center for Student Involvement would like to request funding for the new Registered Student Organization Incentive Program CoogCounts. While developing new initiatives to keep student leaders of registered student organizations engaged, the Center for Student Involvement wanted to ensure that it encouraged and supported student involvement in campus programs and student leader development. The Center seeks to identify programs/events of our campus partners and encourage student leader attendance. Our hope is that as we create these connections students will not only develop relationships with our office but with our campus partners as well. Thus, providing more resources for their organizations in hopes of increasing campus vibrancy through collaboration and engagement.

CoogCounts Description

CoogCounts is a voluntary program designed to positively recognize University of Houston Registered Student Organization leaders for their involvement in increased opportunities for leadership and organizational development. Organizations will receive new rewards for each new level of point completion.

In order to earn CoogCounts Incentives, organization members will participate in activities that are designed to help them learn, grow, and achieve success. Additionally, RSOs can receive points by increasing their usage of Get Involved Platform.

CoogCounts Goals

- Increase usage of the Get Involved Platform by student organizations.
- Help student organizations increase their involvement in the university community.
- Train student leaders in techniques to help student organizations run more effectively

CoogCounts Sample Point Assignments

Get Involved Point Assignment Examples

- Create Three Photo Albums on your Get Involved Page
- Write two 350 word minimum "News" articles about your organization on Get Involved
- Hold your organization elections on Get Involved
- Utilize the "Events" feature on Get Involved. Submit meetings and events with a flyer for the Flyer Board. (Minimum of 5 submissions per academic year.)
- Submit Service Hours on your Get Involved page

RSO Development Point Assignments Examples

- Have officers/members attend two Cougar Connection Events.
- Participate in Cat's Back or Involvement Blast (Org Fair)
- Organization Advisor attends one training session
- Request and Host an Involvement Ambassador Presentation
- Have officers/members attend two SOLD sessions (2 Representatives).
- Attend Student Organization Leadership Retreat. (2 Officers)

Campus Events Point Assignments Examples

- Host two on-campus events (non-meetings)
- Volunteer at a Day of Service Event (10% of your organization Membership)
- Participate in Frontier Fiesta
- Attend a Center for Diversity and Inclusion event (2 members)

CoogCounts Process

We are currently utilizing the Get Involved Forms feature to capture student organization submissions for points.

1. Students submit proof of their attendance or participation
2. Our staff reviews and verifies their submissions.
3. We notify them of their submission acceptance via Get Involved.
4. We update our spreadsheet with their new point totals
5. Notify groups of approaching levels with suggestions on how to reach the next level
6. Organize incentive packages for Groups to utilize.

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We are seeking base funding for this program to ensure that we can provide the incentive packages to groups who participate. Below you will find a breakdown of our request.

Four Star Rewards (Marketing Package \$100.00/package @ 25)	\$2,500
Five Star Rewards (Organization Event \$200.00/reward @20)	\$4,000.00
Five Star Engaged Event	\$3,000.00
Marketing (Graphics Design, Digital Screens)	\$500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$600.00
Total	\$10,600.00

FY2017 One-Time Request #6 – UH Sugar Land #thesweetlife Initiative

UH Sugar Land is transitioning from a UH System institution to a campus of the University of Houston. As UH expands programs at the UH Sugar Land campus, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services will provide events and support services throughout the year. All UH Sugar Land students are invited to attend these events.

In response to the need for increased student engagement at UH Sugar Land, the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion, Student Involvement, and Student Media have partnered to formulate a plan for involvement that is relevant to the needs of UHSL students.

August 23, 2016	Welcome Back Event
August 31, 2016	Welcome Back Event
September 19, 2016	Grab & Go
October 3, 2016	Leadership Speaker
November 1, 2016	MVP Service Night
November 14, 2016	Grab & Go

**Spring dates TBD, may include a leadership workshop, student organization session, community service, entertainment, diversity/culture events*

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Welcome Back Event	\$4,000.00
Leadership Program (linking with academic colleges)	\$1,000.00
Community Service Event	\$500.00
Grab & Go Events	\$2,500.00
Entertainment Event	\$2,000.00
Spring Fling Event	\$4,000.00
UH Sweet Life Branded Items	\$2,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$960.00
Total	\$16,960.00

FY2017 One-Time Request #7 – Clinton Global Initiative University

“Building on the successful model of the Clinton Global Initiative, which brings together world leaders to take action on global challenges, President Clinton launched the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) in 2007 to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world.” Each year, thousands of students submit Commitments to Action in five categories: Education, Environment & Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. Universities

dedicated to supporting CGIU become a part of the University Network can commit to funding both travel to CGIU and financial support for accepted Commitments to Action. UH students apply to CGIU independently or in groups to attend the CGIU conference. Students accepted to attend CGIU may then apply for travel and project funding through CSI. This year 15 students applied for travel funding and 7 were sponsored by CSI to attend the conference in Berkeley, California. The 7 sponsored participants represented 3 Commitments to Action that were subsequently funded by CSI.

The commitments funded for 2016-2017 include:

- Third Ward News, an extension of Campus Kitchen focused on student-led Nutrition Education Workshops in the Third Ward
- Higher Sights, an educational re-entry program that will provide a network of support, mentoring, and tutoring for ex-juvenile offenders at a local high school
- Community Voice Toolbox, a project focused on capturing the untold stories of communities in an effort to match them with organizations and resources to help alleviate poverty.

With a strong emphasis on projects supporting positive change efforts in the Third Ward, the students enacting their CGIU commitments are making great strides toward improving the community and empowering residents in the area immediately surrounding the UH campus.

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Funding Request

Travel to CGI-U Meeting (airfare, hotel, parking)	\$ 8,000.00
Funding Commitments to Action	\$ 8,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$ 960.00
Total	\$ 16,960.00

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FY18 One-time Request Summary

1. RSO Graduate Assistant	\$17,172.00
2. WOW/MLK Day of Service	\$15,264.00
3. RSO Development Programs	\$11,130.00
4. Alternative Service Breaks	\$28,354.00
5. infraRED Nights	\$21,200.00
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FY2018 One-time Request #1 – RSO Graduate Assistant

The first strategic initiative in the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services Strategic Plan is to “Create new opportunities for student success through learning, engagement and discovery.” The Center for Student Involvement has initiated the establishment of new opportunities for student leaders by developing and implementing services and programs that support registered student organization student leader success.

RSO student leader programs that will be hosted during the 2016-2017 school year include:

- 30 Risk Management and Organization Orientation Sessions
- 25 Student Organization Leadership Development (SOLD) Sessions
- 6 Cougar Connection Series Workshops
- 2 Cat’s Back RSO Fairs
- 2 Student Organization Leadership & Advancement Retreats (SOLAR)
- Cougar Involvement Ambassadors
 - Personal Involvement Consultations with students
 - Student Organization Best Practice Consultations
 - Carrel Area Management
 - Involvement Resources

The Assistant Director and Activities Coordinator for RSO Services spearhead the planning and implementation of these events, and additional assistance is needed as more programs are added. This position was one-time funded for Spring 2015, FY16, and FY17. A Graduate Assistant dedicated to Registered Student Organization Services is extremely advantageous as it provides the additional support that is needed to continue the good work in this area and expand its offerings for over 500 registered student organizations.

A Graduate Assistant in RSO Services would have the following duties:

- Scheduling, facilitating, and developing risk management trainings
 - A considerable amount of the Activities Coordinator/Assistant Director for RSO Services time is spent scheduling and facilitating Risk Management sessions. Due to the vast amount of Risk Management sessions (30 two hour sessions between summer and fall 2016) the current RSO team cannot solely focus on developing a more robust Student Organization leader experience.
- Organizing and maintaining risk management records
- Cougar Involvement Ambassadors
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 - Carrel Area Management
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- Activities Funding Board
 - Hearings
 - Assisting with Expenditure Requests
 - Assisting Maintaining Budget
- Assisting with the allocation and management of Registered Student Organizations spaces (Carrels and Lockers)
- Assist in the creation and implementation of new RSO Programming and Services initiatives
- Scheduling, facilitating, and developing SOLD Sessions
 - As we move into a new framework for Registered Student Organizations we must offer more opportunities for development sessions. With the current amount of sessions offered, assistance from a Graduate Assistant will help to alleviate the two professional staff members in the RSO Services area to create additional initiatives.

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Salary Cost (\$1,200/mo. X12 months)	\$14,400.00
\$150 monthly insurance stipend	\$1,800.00
6% Administrative Fee	\$972.00
Total	\$17,172.00

FY2018 One-Time Request #2 – WOW/MLK Day of Service

Building on the continued growth of the program from FY14 through FY16, the Center for Student Involvement plans to continue offering Days of Service on a permanent basis during Weeks of Welcome and in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The 2016 MLK Day of Service engaged 260 students, faculty, and staff in service projects throughout the city of Houston. In August 2016, CSI partnered with the Office of Community Relations, MVP, SHRL, Bauer College of Business, the Office of Sustainability, The Church at UH, and Baptist Student Ministry to host a multi-site Day of Service with a total of 160 students, faculty, and staff participants for the WOW Day of Service. The 2016 WOW Day of Service

included 6 unique service sites, including a focus on sites in the Third Ward. The University of Houston is an important part of the city of Houston and has a responsibility to, not only provide educational and growth experiences to its students, but to positively impact the surrounding community.

The purpose of a day of service is to:

- Instill a sense of community spirit and involvement during the first weeks of class each academic year
- Encourage personal growth through exposure to new populations and projects
- Raise awareness of social issues in the Houston community
- Create a networking opportunity for students to make new friends and meet community members
- Honor the spirit of MLK Day through participating in a nationally recognized Day of Service
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- A major attraction such as a live musical performance, movie screening, or interactive novelty with additional supporting activities to provide diverse involvement opportunities.
- Incentives for attending, including Pindamonium buttons, free shirts and prize drawings.

The first InfraRED event of Fall 2016 was held on Friday, August 26th with a UH: Main Event theme. The event included laser tag, arcade games, movie showing, a Student Video Network photo booth, prizes, food, and music from Coog Radio. The InfraRED event had record attendance with over 500 students. With the increase of student participation comes the need to enhance our programming in order to support more students.

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Funding Request

CSI is requesting \$21,200.00 (\$4,240/event) in order to support enhancements to InfraRED events.

Performer Fees (i.e. magician, interactive dance troupe, hypnotist, etc.)	\$11,000.00
Novelties (i.e. caricatures, face painting, etc.)	\$5,000.00
Food & Refreshments	\$2500.00
Marketing (Posters, Banners, Digital Screens)	\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$1,290.00
Total	\$22,790.00

FY2018 One-Time Request #6– ServeUH

For 2016-2017, University of Houston was selected as a NASPA Lead Initiative Institution. This prestigious designation was granted to less than 100 institutions. UH has new access to resources and a network of institutions that have proven to be effective in the development of civic learning and democratic engagement programs. In tandem with this classification, the Center for Student Involvement is rebranding our community and civic engagement programming to ServeUH.

The goals of ServeUH are:

- To provide a broader range of experiences for students allowing us to empower students to become active, global citizens who lead with a lifelong commitment to service.
- To begin the development of programs focused on addressing local and national elections, social issue education, civil discourse, and more.
- To expand our tracking of volunteer service hours to support more students earning the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). The PVSA is an award from the President of the United States that recognizes members of the community who have completed 100+ volunteer service hours within a year. During 2015-2016, 23 UH students earned this award. With an increase in marketing and awareness about this award, we expect that number to increase significantly.
- To engage our students with local and national politics in a sustainable way, not just during a presidential election year. The plans for growth in Election Programming include hosting voter registration drives each year, providing resources for our students to be educated about the issues and candidates during the voting process, and subsidizing transportation to the Palm Center, a nearby polling center, via the Metro.

During Fall 2016, CSI is partnering with the Dean of Students, Student Government Association, Homecoming, and the Student Centers to support Presidential Election programming through Debate and Election Night Watch Parties. As ServeUH develops, we will look to deepen existing partnerships and develop new partnerships across campus and in the community.

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Action Steps: 3.b: Establish co-curricular globally focused initiatives that provide students with opportunities for engagement on campus in our surrounding environments and beyond.

Funding Request

Marketing (ongoing throughout the academic year)	\$2,500.00
President's Volunteer Service Award- marketing, medallions, and certificates	\$1,400.00
Election Programming	\$1,000.00
Constitution Day	\$500.00
Supply Budget	\$1,500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$384.00
Total	\$7,314.00

FY2018 One-Time Request #7 – CoogCounts

The Center for Student Involvement would like to request funding for the new Registered Student Organization Incentive Program CoogCounts. While developing new initiatives to keep student leaders of registered student organizations engaged, the Center for Student Involvement wanted to ensure that

it encouraged and supported student involvement in campus programs and student leader development. The Center seeks to identify programs/events of our campus partners and encourage student leader attendance. Our hope is that as we create these connections students will not only develop relationships with our office but with our campus partners as well. Thus, providing more resources for their organizations in hopes of increasing campus vibrancy through collaboration and engagement.

CoogCounts Description

CoogCounts is a voluntary program designed to positively recognize University of Houston Registered Student Organization leaders for their involvement in increased opportunities for leadership and organizational development. Organizations will receive new rewards for each new level of point completion.

In order to earn CoogCounts Incentives, organization members will participate in activities that are designed to help them learn, grow, and achieve success. Additionally, RSOs can receive points by increasing their usage of Get Involved Platform.

CoogCounts Goals

- Increase usage of the Get Involved Platform by student organizations.
- Help student organizations increase their involvement in the university community.
- Train student leaders in techniques to help student organizations run more effectively

CoogCounts Sample Point Assignments

Get Involved Point Assignment Examples

- Create Three Photo Albums on your Get Involved Page
- Write two 350 word minimum "News" articles about your organization on Get Involved
- Hold your organization elections on Get Involved
- Utilize the "Events" feature on Get Involved. Submit meetings and events with a flyer for the Flyer Board. (Minimum of 5 submissions per academic year.)
- Submit Service Hours on your Get Involved page

RSO Development Point Assignments Examples

- Have officers/members attend two Cougar Connection Events.
- Participate in Cat's Back or Involvement Blast (Org Fair)
- Organization Advisor attends one training session
- Request and Host an Involvement Ambassador Presentation
- Have officers/members attend two SOLD sessions (2 Representatives).
- Attend Student Organization Leadership Retreat. (2 Officers)

Campus Events Point Assignments Examples

- Host two on-campus events (non-meetings)
- Volunteer at a Day of Service Event (10% of your organization Membership)
- Participate in Frontier Fiesta
- Attend a Center for Diversity and Inclusion event (2 members)

CoogCounts Process

We are currently utilizing the Get Involved Forms feature to capture student organization submissions for points.

1. Students submit proof of their attendance or participation
2. Our staff reviews and verifies their submissions.
3. We notify them of their submission acceptance via Get Involved.
4. We update our spreadsheet with their new point totals
5. Notify groups of approaching levels with suggestions on how to reach the next level
6. Organize incentive packages for Groups to utilize.

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Funding Request

We are seeking base funding for this program to ensure that we can provide the incentive packages to groups who participate. Below you will find a breakdown of our request.

Four Star Rewards (Marketing Package \$100.00/package @ 25)	\$2,500
Five Star Rewards (Organization Event \$200.00/reward @20)	\$4,000.00
Five Star Engaged Event	\$3,000.00
Marketing (Graphics Design, Digital Screens)	\$500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$600.00
Total	\$10,600.00

FY2018 One-Time Request #8 – Cougar Involvement Ambassadors

In Fall 2015, in an effort to provide purpose for the Student Center North Commons Desk, the Cougar Involvement Ambassadors (CIA) were created. Along with the creation of the Cougar Involvement Ambassadors, we have revamped the Commons Desk to not just be a space for general information, but to be an involvement hub for student organizations and students interested in getting involved in general.

The Cougar Involvement Ambassadors support the Student Center North Commons Desk area and all of its functions, including a resource room for student organizations. Below are the goals of CIA:

- Management of the carrel spaces
- provide support to RSOs in policy interpretation
- Provide support to students seeking opportunities for campus involvement through personalized consultations
- Assist student leaders with organization registration
- Aid in student organization program planning and workshops
- Host involvement fairs to help increase RSO membership
- Assist student leaders with finding campus resources

The Cougar Involvement Ambassadors are a group that is committed to helping students get involved and we would like them to continue to be known as the hub where students can come get individual

peer-to-peer assistance to help find their place on campus. In order increase visibility of CIA, we need advertising as well as marketing items students can take away to remember the Cougar Involvement Ambassadors are available and their location at the Commons Desk.

Additionally, as part of the Commons Desk, the Cougar Involvement Ambassadors support the resource room that is available for Student Organizations to use to benefit their group in various ways. We currently have several items available for use including a poster printer, laminator, die cut machine, crafting supplies, and a computer for designing flyers and other items. The materials used for crafting as well as the paper for the poster printer expire quickly and has become an additional cost for the Center that was not anticipated. We would like to continue to offer this resource to student organizations who often are looking for a place to create items to inform others about their group.

DSAES Strategic Initiative

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Action Step 1.d: Create a greater variety of student involvement initiatives that focus on the development of a vibrant campus life including expanded evening and weekend programs.

Funding Request

Marketing Materials	\$1,250.00
Promotional Items	\$750.00
Resource Room Sustainability	\$2,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$240.00
Total	\$4,240.00

FY2018 One-Time Request #9 – UH Sugar Land #thesweetlife Initiative

UH Sugar Land is transitioning from a UH System institution to a campus of the University of Houston. As UH expands programs at the UH Sugar Land campus, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services will provide events and support services throughout the year. All UH Sugar Land students are invited to attend these events.

In response to the need for increased student engagement at UH Sugar Land, the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion, Student Involvement, and Student Media have partnered to formulate a plan for involvement that is relevant to the needs of UHSL students.

- August 23, 2016 Welcome Back Event
- August 31, 2016 Welcome Back Event
- September 19, 2016 Grab & Go
- October 3, 2016 Leadership Speaker
- November 1, 2016 MVP Service Night
- November 14, 2016 Grab & Go

**Spring dates TBD, may include a leadership workshop, student organization session, community service, entertainment, diversity/culture events*

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Funding Request

Welcome Back Event	\$4,000.00
Leadership Program (linking with academic colleges)	\$1,000.00
Community Service Event	\$500.00
Grab & Go Events	\$2,500.00
Entertainment Event	\$2,000.00
Spring Fling Event	\$4,000.00
UH Sweet Life Branded Items	\$2,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$960.00
Total	\$16,960.00

FY2017 One-Time Request #10 – Clinton Global Initiative University

“Building on the successful model of the Clinton Global Initiative, which brings together world leaders to take action on global challenges, President Clinton launched the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) in 2007 to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world.” Each year, thousands of students submit Commitments to Action in five categories: Education, Environment & Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. Universities dedicated to supporting CGIU become a part of the University Network can commit to funding both travel to CGIU and financial support for accepted Commitments to Action. UH students apply to CGIU independently or in groups to attend the CGIU conference. Students accepted to attend CGIU may then apply for travel and project funding through CSI. This year 15 students applied for travel funding and 7 were sponsored by CSI to attend the conference in Berkeley, California. The 7 sponsored participants represented 3 Commitments to Action that were subsequently funded by CSI.

The commitments funded for 2016-2017 include:

- Third Ward News, an extension of Campus Kitchen focused on student-led Nutrition Education Workshops in the Third Ward
- Higher Sights, an educational re-entry program that will provide a network of support, mentoring, and tutoring for ex-juvenile offenders at a local high school
- Community Voice Toolbox, a project focused on capturing the untold stories of communities in an effort to match them with organizations and resources to help alleviate poverty.

With a strong emphasis on projects supporting positive change efforts in the Third Ward, the students enacting their CGIU commitments are making great strides toward improving the community and empowering residents in the area immediately surrounding the UH campus.

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Funding Request

Travel to CGI-U Meeting (airfare, hotel, parking)	\$ 8,000.00
Funding Commitments to Action	\$ 8,000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$ 960.00
Total	\$ 16,960.00

FY18 One-time Request Summary

1. RSO Graduate Assistant	\$17,172.00
2. WOW/MLK Day of Service	\$15,264.00
3. RSO Development Programs	\$11,130.00
4. Alternative Service Breaks	\$28,354.00
5. infraRED Nights	\$21,200.00
6. ServeUH	\$7,314.00
7. CoogCounts	\$10,600.00
8. Cougar Involvement Ambassadors	\$4,240.00
9. UH Sugar Land #thesweetlife Initiative	\$16,960.00
10. Clinton Global Initiative University	\$16,960.00
Total	\$149,194.00