



One Time Request – Campus
MLK Celebration



CENTER FOR STUDENT ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY



FY 25-26



FY 2026 – One Time Request – Campus MLK Celebration

The Center for Student Advocacy and Community team plans and delivers the University of Houston Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative celebration alongside a committee composed of students, faculty, and staff from across campus to create an inclusive campus-wide celebration.

Nearly every one of our peer institutions in the Big 12 has an MLK celebration that includes a day of service and a keynote speaker component. In the past decade, our UH celebration has included anywhere from three to ten different events a year as part of the campus celebration.

The event has been hosted on campus for many years and in the Student Affairs division for at least 10 years. Unfortunately, the Center for Student Advocacy and Community is not financially positioned to fund a campus-wide celebration that embodies the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Although the overall celebration includes a series of events, this funding request is for the speaker/keynote event and additional funds to help support other collaborative events as part of the series. Funding for this program will help support this signature campus event that will include a nationally known speaker or artist.

MLK Celebration	Attendance
FY19 - MLK Commemorative Celebration – Nikki Giovanni	204
FY20 - MLK Commemorative Celebration - Patrisse Cullors	95
FY22 – MLK Commemorative Celebration – Ashley Blaine Featherson - Jenkins	135
FY23 – MLK Commemorative Celebration – Dr. Yusef Salaam	315
FY 24 – MLK Commemorative Celebration – Sylvester Turner	205

DSA Strategic Initiative:

Fostering Student Engagement

Increasing Sense of Belonging, Student Engagement, and Academic Success

Funding Request

Marketing	\$5,000
Speaker/Artist Fee and Accommodation	\$30,000
Collaborative Event Support	\$2,000
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>
<u>Admin Fee</u>	<u>\$2,220</u>
Total	\$39,220