

Program or DASG Account Name  
Men of Color Community (MC2)

4010 Supplies (\$900)

Funds will be used to purchase program supplies that support MC<sup>2</sup> student success and recognition. This includes graduation stoles for MC<sup>2</sup> student completers (20 stoles x \$30 each = \$600) and \$300 for graduation decorations for the MC<sup>2</sup> end-of-year Graduation/Recognition Ceremony. These supplies are essential to honoring and celebrating the accomplishments and resilience of Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Pacific Islander men of color, while reinforcing a culture of belonging, pride, and academic achievement within the Men of Color Community.

4015 Food: End of Year Celebration (\$800)

Funds will support food for the MC<sup>2</sup> Graduation/Recognition Ceremony. This celebration honors the accomplishments of Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Pacific Islander men of color, and builds community pride and belonging at the end of the academic year.

4015 Food: On-Campus Program Events (\$500)

Funds will support food for MC<sup>2</sup> on-campus events throughout the year, including the “Choppin’ It Up” series and peer-led workshops. Food increases participation, supports culturally grounded community building, and helps create welcoming spaces for men of color on campus.

5520 Field Trips (\$4,000)

Funds will be used to support MC<sup>2</sup> field trips that provide experiential learning, community building, and culturally grounded enrichment opportunities for men of color students. These activities are designed to strengthen peer connection, expand students’ sense of what is possible for their academic and career journeys, and provide exposure to transfer opportunities, cultural spaces, and community-based learning experiences beyond the classroom. Field trips will include visits to local universities, community organizations, and culturally relevant spaces that reinforce identity, belonging, leadership development, and academic motivation. These experiences help build confidence and purpose, which directly supports persistence, retention, and transfer goals for Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Pacific Islander men of color at De Anza College. Field trips will also include industry and career exposure visits (examples: Google, LinkedIn, and other professional companies).

Program Description

The Men of Color Community (MC<sup>2</sup>) is a student support and leadership development program designed to increase connection, retention, and academic success for men of color at De Anza College. While open to all students, MC<sup>2</sup> specifically centers Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Pacific Islander men of color who continue to experience disproportionate barriers in higher education.

MC<sup>2</sup> provides culturally grounded community spaces where students receive mentoring, tutoring, counseling support, and participate in study sessions, workshops, on-campus events, and programs such as the “Choppin’ It Up” series. These activities help students build relationships, strengthen identity, and stay motivated academically and personally.

This program aligns with De Anza’s Student Equity Plan goals to support disproportionately impacted students and advances the DASG mission by increasing student engagement, community building, and student voice on campus. MC<sup>2</sup> helps foster a campus environment where men of color feel seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Number of Students Served

250

Non-DASG Accounts and/or Sources of Funding

Outreach FOAP: Index 240049 / Fund 114000 / Org 22400 / Prog 671000

Balance: \$38,000

MC<sup>2</sup> is housed within the Outreach department; however, there are no funds specifically designated for the Men of Color program. MC<sup>2</sup> serves current De Anza College students, while the Outreach budget is dedicated to general community outreach and recruitment efforts — not MC<sup>2</sup> programming. DASG funding is essential to ensure dedicated resources for supporting men of color students currently enrolled at De Anza.

Impact if DASG Did Not Completely Fund This Request

Without DASG support, MC<sup>2</sup> would have significantly fewer resources to provide culturally grounded programming, workshops, community events, and field trips for current men of color students at De Anza. We would have to scale back activities such as Choppin’ It Up, graduation recognition, and enrichment experiences that build connection, identity, and academic motivation. This would limit our ability to advance De Anza’s Student Equity goals and reduce direct support for Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Pacific Islander men of color who already experience disproportionate barriers to success.

Total Funding Request: \$6,200