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## AG HEALEY OPENS FOURTH ANNUAL GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD FOR HEALTHY SUMMER YOUTH JOBS

Program Funds Summer Jobs in Health, Fitness and Health Care in Communities Across the State

**BOSTON** – Attorney General Maura Healey has opened the fourth annual application period for grant funding for summer jobs for youth across Massachusetts.

The <u>Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program</u> will use settlement funds from the AG's Office to fund jobs aimed at providing young people with opportunities for employment that will impact public health this summer.

"This program funds much-needed summer jobs for young people looking to make a positive impact on their communities," said AG Healey. "We are pleased to continue providing these grants to help improve the health and well-being of people across the state."

Through this program, young people throughout the state will be able to advance public health in their communities by providing health promotion and disease prevention interventions that address factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control. These factors include behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults, including unintentional injuries and violence, tobacco use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, and inadequate physical activity.

Examples of healthy summer youth jobs that could receive funding may include, but are not limited to:

- Working as a coach, team leader, or mentor for a pre-existing health/fitness activity for youth;
- Working at a community health center;
- Collaborating on a public health or a health-related environmental justice project;
- Assisting with a sports or physical fitness program designed for youth;

- Working as a teacher or teacher's assistant for an exercise or physical fitness class outside of regular school programming for youth and/or senior citizens;
- Activities that directly address access to health care and/or the management/ prevention of chronic diseases among youth.

The AG's Office will issue grants to municipalities, other agencies and nonprofits within the state. Through this program, the AG's Office has funded more than 650 summer jobs for youth across the state.

Grant awards will fund youth employment from July 9, 2018 and through Aug. 31, 2018. Interested applicants can visit the <u>AG's website</u> for more information and for application instructions. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018.

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