

Attorney General Healey Funds \$327,000 in Summer Youth Jobs

Sandwich and Martha's Vineyard programs included...

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BOSTON — Attorney General Maura Healey today announced that her office is awarding nearly \$327,000 in grant funding to 90 organizations across the state to fund summer jobs for low-income young people focused on health and wellness.

“This program is focused not only on keeping young people safe and active during the summer, but on offering them a chance to challenge themselves and make a difference in their communities,” said AG Healey. “By directing the funding toward jobs that promote healthy living, we are aiming to tackle obesity and disease prevention in at-risk communities across the state – win-win for all.”

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.

This year's [Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program](#) is funded with \$326,827 in settlement money from the AG's Office. Beyond increasing employment for young people, the grant funding will allow teens to hold jobs this summer that will impact public health including working at a community health center, leading cooking classes and teaching nutrition or fitness at a summer camp.

In the four years that the AG's Office has run this grant program, it has funded more than 750 jobs for youth across the state through settlement money.

The 90 organizations – including nonprofits, cities and towns and public offices – receiving funding through the Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Program include:

Suffolk County

Doc Wayne Youth Services in Boston

Center for Community Health Education Research and Service, Inc.

La Alianza Hispana in Boston

IBA – Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion in Boston

Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay in Boston



AG Healey's Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program will fund employment for young people at the organizations from July 9, 2018 and through Aug. 31, 2018.