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SUMMER JOBS FOR NORTHAMPTON YOUTH!

With the help of the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board, Franklin Hampshire Career Center, and Community Action Youth Programs, the Mayor of Northampton will once again host Northampton YouthWorks, a summer jobs program for eligible Northampton young people, age 14-21. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from Commonwealth Corporation.

Governor Baker dedicated over \$9.9 million in this year's budget to support such city-sponsored programs across the Commonwealth, which must be matched 20% by contributions from the private sector to support youth employment.

The Northampton YouthWorks Program will put 22 Northampton youth age 14-21, to work in private or public sector employment during the summer months, in jobs 6 to 8 weeks in length. The program will pay for youth wages and for staff time to develop placements and counsel youth, including provision of 15 hours of training on Employment Readiness, Safety, and Career Exploration.

Eligible youth must be low-income and residents of Northampton, Florence, or Leeds. They will earn \$11 an hour.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to put Northampton youth to work again in the community this summer," said Mayor David Narkewicz. "Last year they worked at such places as Casa Latina, Cancer Connection, All Out Adventure, US Fish and Wildlife Department, Northampton Schools, and the YMCA. We received positive feedback from employers and youth alike."

Community Action is actively seeking businesses and organizations who are interested in hosting a youth intern over the summer. Please contact Gary Sroka if interested in applying! 413-774-7028 x218.

Youth applications are available at Community Action Youth Programs and online (www.communityaction.us/NohoYW) as well as at the Northampton Career Center. Completed youth applications must be mailed to or dropped off at:

Community Action Youth Programs—YouthWorks 17 New South St. Suite #100 Northampton, MA 01060

Preference is given to completed applications received by May 26th, 2017. Applications will not be accepted after June 2, 2017.

Please do <u>not</u> return completed applications to Career Center or schools

For more info: Community Action Youth Programs at 413-774-7028.

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