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Massachusetts Department of Public Health Awards Norfolk County Sheriff's Office \$700K Grant to Expand Opioid Treatment Program

DEDHAM – The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office announced today that the office has been awarded a \$700,000 State Opioid Response (SOR) grant by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to expand the department's opioid treatment program. The program helps offenders with opioid addiction by providing medication-assisted treatment (MAT), drug counseling, and ongoing community support for treatment post-release.

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott said, "The NCSO is committed to the long-term success and rehabilitation of our inmates, which includes helping them through the process of recovery from substance addiction. This grant helps us to treat substance addiction holistically, with evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that are more likely to result in successful re-entry."

The grant marks the second phase in the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office opioid-treatment program, which began last year. The first phase focused on developing and implementing the MAT program within the facility. The second phase will focus on successful re-entry, the NCSO will take advantage of the unique space of the Dedham facility to develop a therapeutic community that provides a continuity of care to inmates from admission and continuing after their release.

Sheriff Patrick McDermott praised the program, saying, "Successful rehabilitation is the cornerstone of our work at the NCSO. This grant recognizes the high-caliber work that our facility does and provides us the opportunity to continue improving our approaches to rehabilitation that treats the whole person."

The NCSO has already begun working with several community partners who supported the grant application, including Boston Medical Center, the Gavin Foundation, Manet Community Health Center, and Spectrum Health Systems.

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