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## **Norfolk County Sheriff's Office awarded \$30,000 grant to bolster substance use disorder treatment program for justice-involved individuals**

Dedham, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott has announced the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has received a \$30,000 grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration to support the sheriff's substance use disorder treatment program for justice-involved individuals.

"This funding to our jail based program will increase access to treatment to individuals with substance use or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders during incarceration," said Sheriff McDermott. "It will also improve the continuity of care with our reentry services, by delivering treatment and aftercare services."

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is one of ten Massachusetts' sheriff's offices that received grants totaling \$310,000.

The funds were awarded through the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program. That federal program is funded by the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and managed in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research.

The Residential Substance Treatment program at the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is a 12 week program that assists sentenced offenders on the path to returning to their communities. The program addresses social, cognitive, behavioral and vocational aspects of recovery and reentry.

"Substance use disorder can profoundly impact the lives of those who experience it, as well as their families and communities," said Governor Maura Healey. "These funds will help ensure that incarcerated individuals have access to essential services that will help them return to their communities healthier, stronger and better equipped to sustain a positive future."

"The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is committed to fundamentally changing the culture of our correctional facility to make reentry and reintegration the priority of our operations," said Sheriff McDermott. "We want to reimagine what is possible as a public safety agency, by focusing on prevention, intervention, education, & hope."

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