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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Awarded \$25K Grant for Substance Abuse Treatment Program

DEDHAM – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to support its substance abuse treatment program. Part of the federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant program, the funds are intended to help fight the distribution and use of illegal drugs and break cycles of drugs and violence.

"This grant allows us to continue to provide top-of-the-line substance abuse treatment to the people in our care and custody and help keep them on the path to recovery after they complete their sentence," Sheriff McDermott said. "We know that addiction and substance abuse can affect anyone, which is why funding like this is so important. It gives us the tools to help individuals fight substance abuse in our facility and in our communities."

The RSAT grant program helps departments like the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office improve how they help individuals with substance abuse disorder with the ultimate goal of breaking cycles of substance use and violence. RSAT funded programs prepare offenders for successful re-entry into their communities by making re-entry planning a central part of their treatment program.

Nearly \$215,000 were awarded by the Baker-Polito Administration to eight of the Commonwealth's sheriffs' offices. The funds, which come from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, are distributed and administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR).

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