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**Richmond**-The Richmond City Sheriff's Office has received a \$300,000 grant to enhance its existing addiction treatment & recovery programs. The funding is especially for Medication in Addiction Treatment (MAT) and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Programs. Both MAT and MOUD programs are proven best practices in providing better recovery outcomes by reducing the danger of relapse, injury, hospitalization, or overdose through ongoing medication, counseling, and treatment.

MAT is considered a short-term intervention through counseling while MOUD is a part of a broader treatment approach using medication to manage cravings and triggers.

The Program includes evidence-based treatment, and recovery support for persons with opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use, and mental health disorders. These funds assist by providing therapy to inmates within the facility, transitioning them out of the criminal justice system, and encouraging adherence to treatment and participation in recovery programs once they are back in the community.

"We understand that during the beginning of detox side effects can sometimes be life threatening which puts everyone at risk. We want to do everything we can to reduce risk and address every aspect of recovery to ensure long-term positive results," said Sheriff Irving.

The approach of leveraging both MAT and MOUD helps to ensure inmates receive treatment in a more responsive and timely manner. It will also help individuals become more stable during their recovery and make better, healthier choices while managing their lives and life needs when returning to the community.

Sheriff Irving states, "We want to aid individuals in their journey to recovery and prevent harmful outcomes for individuals, their family members, and the community."

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