

AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION UPDATE REGARDING RACIAL PROFILING STUDY

AAAC Actions Taken

Collects and files reports that are submitted from municipalities

Wrote and submitted grant request to the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration through the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Safety Section – funding amount \$580,000

Original proposal submitted June 2007

The Office of Policy Management (OPM) informed AAAC through Legislative Management that it could not be the fiscal agent since the award (\$580,000) exceeded budget of Commission

Met with Department of Criminology at University of New Haven to discuss academic consultant

Proposals resubmitted in June 2008 with municipality as fiscal agent – Town of Bloomfield (resolution passed June 2008).

AAAC Planned Deliverables:

Plan of public forums and outreach

Final report and data analysis

Recommendations for Standardized reporting and report form

Development and implementation of law enforcement training program

State Department of Transportation (DOT) Requirements:

Plan called for AAAC to collect data and hire consultant (academic or research organization) to analyze data and issue recommendations

Initial outlay of capital for expenses, all funds expended to be reimbursed by federal government,

Revision of budget to include multiple consultants, listing of all tasks, line items for out of state travel, benchmarks for payments

DOT required 80-20 split - \$93,600 needed in matching costs

Database to be managed through the State's of Connecticut's Department of Information Technology (DOIT) system

Establishment of an advisory board consisting of representatives from State legislative, judicial and law enforcement branches

The management of the data base would need to operate through the State's of Connecticut's Department of Information Technology (DOIT) system

UNRESOLVED ISSUES

Security protocols for data and determination of who owns the data have not been determined.

Freedom of Information (FOI) concerns noted yet unclear

Requirement for establishment of an advisory board consisting of representatives from State legislative, with judicial and law enforcement branches

Questions regarding the authority of the AAAC to require all law enforcement agencies to comply with racial profiling statistics submission

