

1 TROLLER, SHALL REVIEW AND OVERSEE THE DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBER ITEM FUNDS
2 SET FORTH IN THE STATE BUDGET. IN CARRYING OUT THIS OBJECTIVE, SUCH
3 COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES:
4 1. TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY AND OPENNESS OF THE PROCESS OF DETERMIN-
5 ING HOW MEMBER ITEMS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED;
6 2. TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO SUCH PROCESS;
7 3. TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITIZING AND RANKING REQUESTS FOR
8 MEMBER ITEMS;
9 4. TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM WHEREBY REQUESTS FOR MEMBER ITEMS ARE MADE
10 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON OR BEFORE MARCH SEVENTEENTH OF EACH YEAR;
11 5. TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM WHEREBY FINAL FUNDING DECISIONS REGARDING
12 THE DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBER ITEMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON OR
13 BEFORE APRIL EIGHTH OF EACH YEAR; AND
14 6. TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY NEEDS INTEGRITY PLAN CONSISTENT WITH THE
15 PROVISIONS OF SECTION NINETY-SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE.
16 S 97. COMMUNITY NEEDS INTEGRITY PLAN. THE COMMUNITY NEED REVIEW
17 COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY NEEDS INTEGRITY PLAN. SUCH PLAN
18 SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING:
19 1. FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBER ITEM FUNDS TO ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE;
20 2. MEMBER ITEM FUNDS BE AWARDED TO PROGRAMS BASED ON THE NEED, QUALITY
21 AND MERIT OF THE PROGRAM OR PROJECT;
22 3. MEMBER ITEMS BE SET FORTH IN A DETAILED MANNER, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
23 WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THE PROGRAM OR PROJECT BEING FUNDED;
24 4. SANCTIONS FOR MEMBER ITEM FUNDS INAPPROPRIATELY DISBURSED;
25 5. MECHANISMS TO RECOUP INAPPROPRIATELY DISBURSED MEMBER ITEM FUNDS;
26 6. ANY OTHER PROVISION THE COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE.
27 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.