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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2156

03/06/2017 Authored by Clark, Allen, Mahoney, Davnie and Dehn, R., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the East Phillips
1.3 Neighborhood Institute; requiring reports.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. EAST PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTE; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to the East Phillips Improvement
1.8 Coalition to create the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to expand culturally
1.9 tailored resources that address small business growth and job creation. The grant shall fund
1.10 the collaborative work of Tamales y Bicycletas, Little Earth of the United Tribes, a nonprofit
1.11 serving East Africans, and other coalition members towards developing EPNI as a community
1.12 space to host activities including, but not limited to, creation and expansion of small
1.13 businesses, culturally specific entrepreneurial activities, indoor urban farming, job training,
1.14 education, and skills development. Eligible uses for grant funds include, but are not limited
1.15 to, planning and start-up costs, staff and consultant costs, building improvements, rent,
1.16 supplies, utilities, vehicles, marketing, and program activities. The commissioner shall
1.17 submit a report on grant activities and quantifiable outcomes to the committees of the house
1.18 of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over economic development by December
1.19 15, 2020. This is a onetime appropriation and funds are available until June 30, 2020.