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This bill would provide a \$3,000,000 grant to East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm to plan and develop an indoor urban farm. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture would administer the grant and the money would be available once state fiscal year 2017 begins on July 1, 2016.

The bill provides examples of grant-eligible activities including planning and start-up, staff and consultants, building improvements, rent, establishing and operating an aquaponic system, creating and administering an urban organic farming education and training program, developing culturally-specific retail space, and providing recycling and composting opportunities.