private day care providers, confirming the eligibility of the providers, receipt of State funding, and payment to the private providers. The State revenue, which totals $810,000 in FY 2012, was formally transferred to the Schools through the Fall Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance approved by City Council on November 12, 2011.

As City Council considers the Schools' request for additional funding to support the Early Childhood Coordinator position it is important to note that the MOU did not include the transfer of General Funds to support early childhood positions or other expenditures within the ACPS budget. There was no line in the City's budget dedicated to providing funding for administrative support related to VPI prior to the transfer of VPI to the Schools. The Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS) supported VPI with staff from the department's Early Childhood Division and fiscal staff from within DCHS who as a team applied for, administered, monitored, and closed out the various grant requirements throughout the year. No single City position was responsible for managing the VPI program. Since the transfer of VPI to the Schools, the City staff who previously worked on VPI related activities have since been reallocated to focus on other early childhood programs provided by the City.

Next Steps and Recommendations

City staff does not recommend increasing the General Fund transfer to the Schools in FY 2013 to make up for the lost SRS and ARRA funding used to create the School's Early Childhood Coordinator position in FY 2010. The School Board requested this position at the joint City Council/School Board work session on February 29, 2012. They will be prepared to answer any additional questions about this request at the joint work session on March 28, 2012.

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