



## ASCENDER - Vendor EFT Process



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The purpose of this document is to guide you through the steps in Finance to process Vendor electronic funds transfer (EFT) transactions for each vendor doing business with the local education agency (LEA).

This document assumes that you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Business System and have reviewed the [ASCENDER Business Overview guide](#).



Some of the images and/or examples provided in this document are for informational purposes only and may not completely represent your LEA's process.

## Finance Vendor EFT Process

1. [Add/update vendor EFT email address.](#)

### Add/Update Vendor EFT Email Address

[Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Name/Address](#)

Add a new vendor record or update an existing record with the vendor's EFT email address. The EFT email is required for all vendors participating in electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments.

The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Vendor Information' screen. At the top, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Retrieve', 'Add', 'Delete', and 'Directory'. Below these are two tabs: 'VENDOR NAME / ADDRESS' and 'VENDOR MISCELLANEOUS'. In the 'VENDOR MISCELLANEOUS' tab, there are fields for 'Vendor Number' (37301), 'Vendor Name' (redacted), 'Doing Business As' (redacted), 'Last Transc.' (04-12-2018), 'Active/Inactive' (Active), 'Vendor Sort Key' (redacted), 'Fed Code (SBIR)' (redacted), 'Required Review in Req.' (unchecked), and 'Contract Eligible' (unchecked). Below these tabs are sections for 'Numbers' and 'Links'. The 'Numbers' section contains fields for 'Phone' (555-589-6473), 'Fax' (redacted), and 'Area Cd', 'Number', 'Ext.'. The 'Links' section contains fields for 'E-mail' (redacted), 'Internet' (redacted), and 'EFT E-mail' (redacted). The 'EFT E-mail' field is highlighted with a yellow box.

Under **Links**, add or update the EFT email address:

<b>EFT E-mail</b>	Type the vendor's email address to send the vendor EFT payment information. The field can be a maximum of 45 characters.
<b>EFT E-Mail</b>	Click to open a new email message using your default email provider.

**Note:** The vendor's EFT email address is required prior to adding the vendor's bank information on the Vendor Miscellaneous page.

Click **Save**.

2. [Add/update bank codes.](#)

## Add/Update Bank Codes

[Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > Bank Codes](#)

Verify the appropriate bank codes exist. If not, add the applicable codes. A bank code is required for each bank participating in electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments. In order for a vendor to receive an EFT payment, you must indicate a specific bank for the vendor.

You can add or edit information in the bank table at any time. The bank name, address, telephone, and contact person information can be updated by accessing the bank code, changing the data, and saving the changes. If the bank code is incorrect, you must delete the incorrect code and then add the new code.

**Note:** Multiple vendors may use the same bank.

Delete	Bank Code	Bank Name	Route Number	Street Nbr	Street Name	City	State	Zip	Zip4	Contact
	123	Test Bank	111000222	53	Street	Alamo City	TX Texas	78208		Marty Rogers
	555	Big Bank	315488888	1	Drive	Alamo City	TX Texas	75555		Sunny Bell

Click **+Add** to add a new row.

<b>Bank Code</b>	Type a unique user-defined bank code. If the information has already been entered for this code, it is displayed when the code is entered. The field must be three characters.
<b>Bank Name</b>	Type the bank name.
<b>Route Number</b>	Type the nine-digit routing number to use for the electronic funds transfer.
<b>Street Nbr</b>	Type the street address number if used.
<b>Street Name</b>	Type the street name.
<b>City</b>	Type the name of the city where the bank is located.

<b>State</b>	Click  to select the two-character code of the state where the bank is located.
<b>Zip</b>	Type the five-digit zip code for the bank's location.
<b>Zip 4</b>	Type the four-digit zip code if used.
<b>Contact</b>	Type the name of the contact person at the bank who is responsible for processing electronic funds transfers.

Click **Save**.



**TIP:** If you are creating a vendor record for an employee who is also participating in EFT payments in Payroll, you can use the **Copy from Payroll** functionality on the Vendor Miscellaneous tab and complete the vendor's bank information.



**It is recommended** that you print your bank details from the [Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT](#) tab and use it as a reference when adding your LEA's bank details on the EFT tab in Step 3. Use caution when typing your **Route** number to ensure accuracy.

2. Add/update EFT information.

## Add/Update EFT Information

Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT

Create the LEA's EFT record to be used when sending vendor EFT payments to their bank. This function is accomplished by creating an EFT file during a payment run. This file is then given to the local education agency's (LEA) bank to be transmitted to an automatic clearinghouse.

Enter the EFT data for the LEA's EFT bank account to be used for Finance checks. Reference the Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT tab if using the same EFT bank.

Field	Description
<b>Immediate Destination</b>	<p>Type the nine-digit Federal Reserve routing number used to identify the receiving point. This number is provided by the individual bank. The field length is ten digits, since some banks require a leading space before the nine-digit routing number. If you type the nine-digit routing number and later need to add a space before the number, you must do the following:</p> <p>Change the field to a random number (e.g., 123456789).</p> <p>Click <b>Save</b>.</p> <p>Add a leading space with the appropriate nine-digit routing number following the space (e.g., [space]987654321).</p> <p>Click <b>Save</b> again.</p> <p>Only follows these steps when you need to add a space before a number that was previously saved.</p>
<b>Company ID Type 5</b>	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the LEA. This is either the employer identification number with a 0 added on the end of the number or a leading 1, depending on the vendor's bank.

Field	Description
<b>Originating DFI ID Code</b>	Type the eight-digit code used to identify the originating DFI. This is the LEA's bank routing number without the last digit.
<b>Company ID Type 8</b>	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the LEA. This is either the employer identification number with a 0 added on the end of the number or a leading 1, depending on the vendor's bank.
<b>Employer Offset Account</b>	Type the offset account number used to debit the LEA's bank account. This number is the LEA's payroll bank account number and will be included in the EFT file. Leave blank to exclude debits from the EFT file.
<b>Immediate Origin</b>	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the EFT sending point. There is a leading space plus the routing number for the LEA's bank.
<b>Originator Status Code</b>	<p>Type the one-digit code used to identify the originator of the EFT tape. Valid codes for this field include the following:</p> <p>1 - Originator is an ACH association member or originating DFI, subject to ACH rules</p> <p>2 - Originator is a federal government entity or agency not subject to ACH rules</p> <p>3 - Originator is not an ACH member or originating DFI, but subject to ACH rules</p>
<b>Bank Code</b>	Click  to select the assigned code for the LEA's bank.
<b>ACH Service Class Code</b>	<p>Click  to select one of the following codes:</p> <p>200 - Mixed debits and credits - The EFT file includes 5200 and 8200 records indicating that the file could contain debit and credit amounts.</p> <p>220 - Credits only - The EFT file includes 5220 and 8220 records indicating that the file only contains credit amounts.</p>

Click **Save**.

3. [Add/update bank information.](#)

## Add/update Vendor Bank Information

[Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Miscellaneous](#)

Add bank information for each vendor (or employee) doing business with the local education agency (LEA). If a vendor has bank information on file, the vendor can receive electronic payments via an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This bank information is also used for employee travel reimbursements.

Vendor: 37301 :  Save Retrieve Add Delete Directory

**VENDOR NAME / ADDRESS** **VENDOR MISCELLANEOUS**

**Bank Information**

Delete	Bank	Bank Acct Nbr	Bank Acct Type	PreNote
	555 - Big Bank	9999996	2 Checking account	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Category Information**

Delete	Category Code	Category Description	Bid Category	Begin Date	End Date
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**HUB Information**

Delete	HUB Code	HUB Description
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

First Previous 1 Next Last Add

Under **Bank Information**, complete the bank information for each vendor record:

<b>Bank</b>	Begin typing a bank code or name. As you type the data, a drop-down list of corresponding data is displayed. The bank information must exist on the <a href="#">Finance &gt; Tables &gt; Bank Codes</a> tab. Select a bank code. If the bank code or name is not known, click  to select a bank from the <a href="#">Banks lookup</a> or press the SPACEBAR to view a list of banks.
<b>Bank Acct Nbr</b>	Type the corresponding bank account number for the selected bank.
<b>Bank Acct Type</b>	Select the account type for the selected bank and bank account number. <i>2 Checking account</i> <i>3 Savings account</i>
<b>PreNote</b>	Select to generate a <a href="#">prenote</a> to the bank.

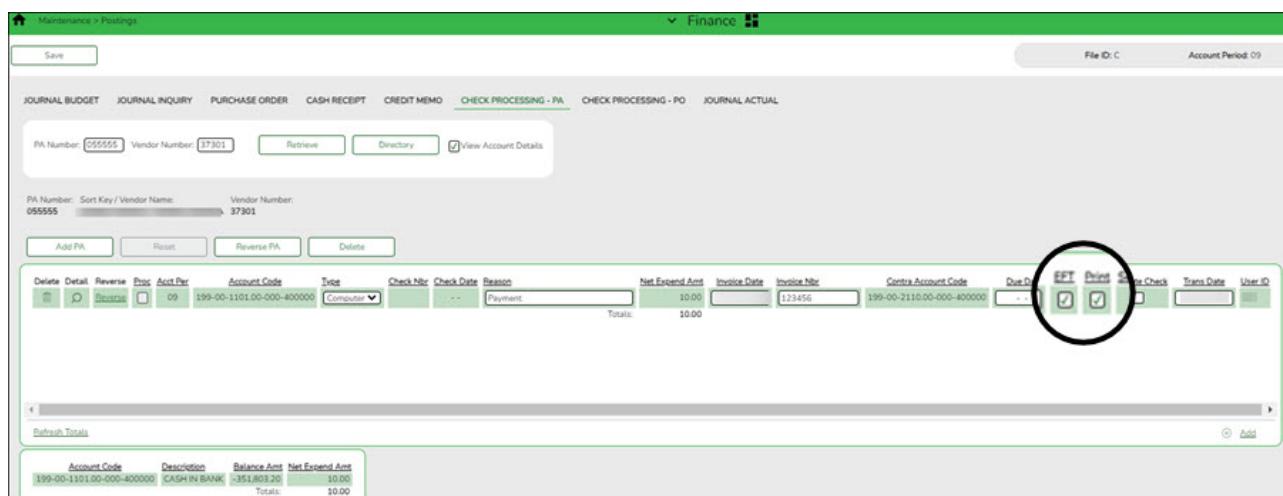
Click **Save**.

#### 4. Post transaction for payment.

### Post Transaction(s)

[Finance > Maintenance > Postings > Check Processing - PA OR PO](#)

Create a transaction for an existing or new purchase authorization (PA) or purchase order (PO). By default, the **EFT** checkbox is automatically selected if the vendor retrieved has bank information on the [Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Miscellaneous](#) tab and an EFT email address on the [Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Name/Address](#) tab. If a check is necessary, unselect **EFT**.



PA Number: 055555 Vendor Number: 37301

PA Number: Sort Key / Vendor Name: 055555 Vendor Number: 37301

Add PA Reset Reverse PA Delete

Account Code: 199-00-110100-000-800000 Date: Check Nbr: Check Date: Reason: Net Expend Amt: Invoice Date: Invoice Nbr: Contra Account Code: Due Date: EFT Print Separate Check Trans Date: User ID: Add

Refresh Totals

Account Code Description Balance Amt Net Expend Amt

199-00-110100-000-400000	CASH IN BANK	-351,893.20	10.00
Totals:		10.00	

### Notes:

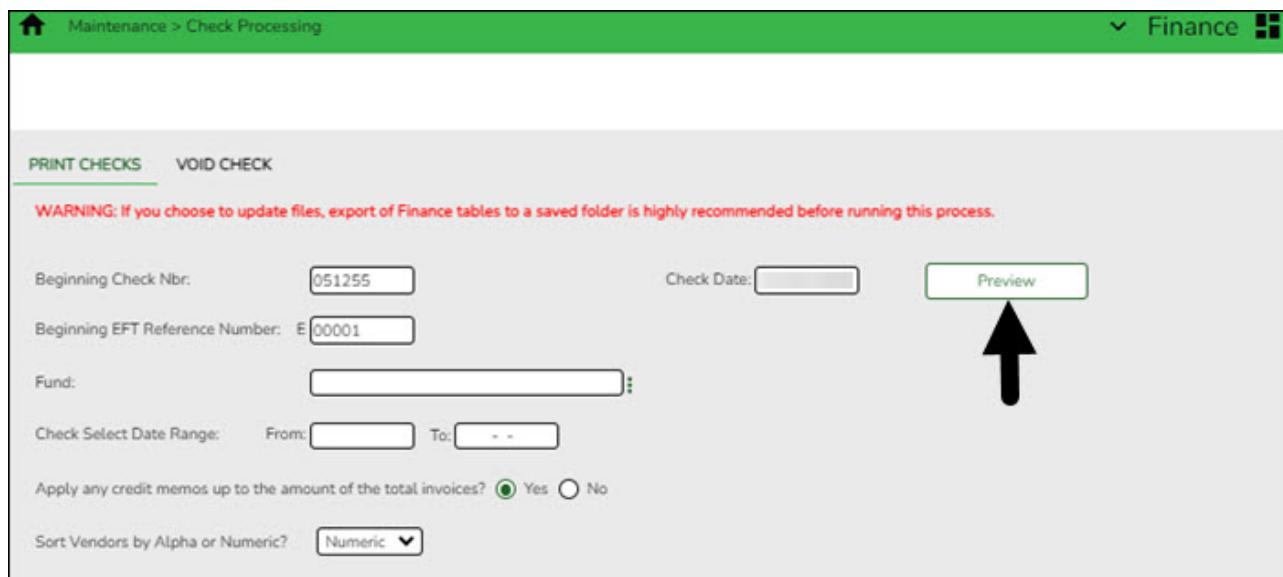
- The vendor must have bank information and an EFT email address on file to be eligible for an electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- The **EFT** checkbox is not displayed for purchase orders that were created using a credit card code.
- If **Separate Check** is selected, **EFT** is unselected. Leave **Print** selected as it allows the transactions to be included and processed during the check run.

## 5. Process checks.

### Print Check(s)

[Finance > Maintenance > Check Processing > Print Checks](#)

Process all applicable computer checks/EFT transactions that are ready for the check cycle.



PRINT CHECKS VOID CHECK

WARNING: If you choose to update files, export of Finance tables to a saved folder is highly recommended before running this process.

Beginning Check Nbr: 051255 Check Date:

Beginning EFT Reference Number: E 00001

Fund:

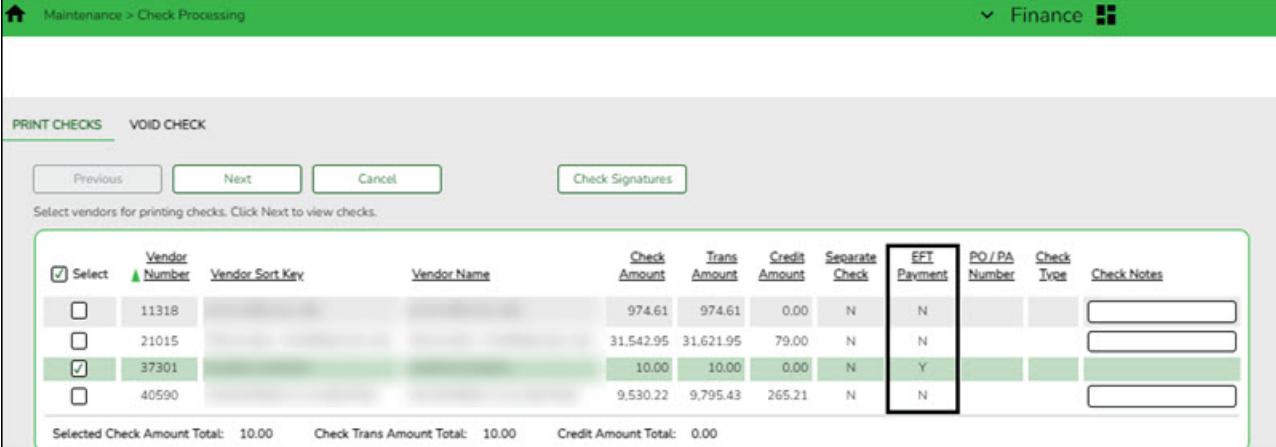
Check Select Date Range: From:  To:

Apply any credit memos up to the amount of the total invoices?  Yes  No

Sort Vendors by Alpha or Numeric? Numeric

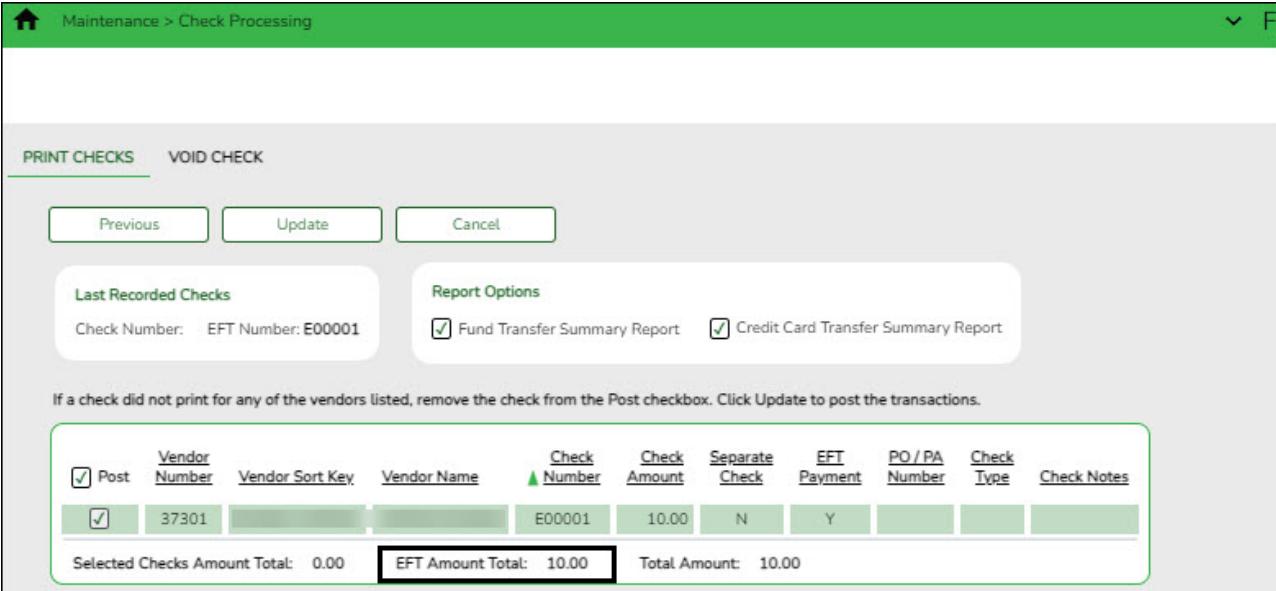
Complete the Print Checks tab. The **Beginning EFT Reference Number** defaults to 00001 for the first time that EFT transactions are processed, and then increments each EFT run.

- Click **Preview**. The Vendor Check Processing page is displayed with a list of all transactions (PO, PA, and credit memo transactions are included) to be processed. All transactions listed are selected by default and included in the totals at the bottom of the page.
- Select the top-level checkbox to select/unselect the list of transactions. Or, select individual checkboxes to only select specific transactions.



The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Check Processing' page. At the top, there are 'PRINT CHECKS' and 'VOID CHECK' buttons. Below them are 'Previous', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Check Signatures' buttons. A message says 'Select vendors for printing checks. Click Next to view checks.' The main area is a table with the following columns: Vendor Number, Vendor Sort Key, Vendor Name, Check Amount, Trans Amount, Credit Amount, Separate Check, EFT Payment, PO / PA Number, Check Type, and Check Notes. The table contains four rows of data. The first row (Vendor 11318) has a checked 'Select' box. The second row (Vendor 21015) has an unchecked 'Select' box. The third row (Vendor 37301) has a checked 'Select' box. The fourth row (Vendor 40590) has an unchecked 'Select' box. The 'EFT Payment' column for the third row is highlighted with a black border. At the bottom of the table, it says 'Selected Check Amount Total: 10.00', 'Check Trans Amount Total: 10.00', and 'Credit Amount Total: 0.00'.

- If printing checks, click **Check Signatures** to select the appropriate signature(s) to be printed on the checks.



The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Check Processing' page. At the top, there are 'PRINT CHECKS' and 'VOID CHECK' buttons. Below them are 'Previous', 'Update', and 'Cancel' buttons. A 'Last Recorded Checks' section shows 'Check Number: EFT Number: E00001'. A 'Report Options' section has checkboxes for 'Fund Transfer Summary Report' (checked) and 'Credit Card Transfer Summary Report' (unchecked). A message says 'If a check did not print for any of the vendors listed, remove the check from the Post checkbox. Click Update to post the transactions.' The main area is a table with the following columns: Post, Vendor Number, Vendor Sort Key, Vendor Name, Check Number, Check Amount, Separate Check, EFT Payment, PO / PA Number, Check Type, and Check Notes. The table contains one row of data for Vendor 37301. The 'Post' checkbox is checked. The 'EFT Payment' column for this row is highlighted with a black border. At the bottom of the table, it says 'Selected Checks Amount Total: 0.00', 'EFT Amount Total: 10.00', and 'Total Amount: 10.00'.



**TIP:** The total of the Fund Transfer will match the total of all transactions processed.

## 6. Create EFT file.

### Print Check(s)

[Finance > Maintenance > Check Processing > Print Checks](#)

Process all applicable computer checks/EFT transactions that are ready for the check cycle.

PRINT CHECKS    VOID CHECK

WARNING: If you choose to update files, export of Finance tables to a saved folder is highly recommended before running this process.

Beginning Check Nbr: 051255    Check Date:

Beginning EFT Reference Number: 00001

Fund:

Check Select Date Range: From:  To:

Apply any credit memos up to the amount of the total invoices?  Yes  No

Sort Vendors by Alpha or Numeric?

**Preview**

- Complete the Print Checks tab. The **Beginning EFT Reference Number** defaults to 00001 for the first time that EFT transactions are processed, and then increments each EFT run.
- Click **Preview**. The Vendor Check Processing page is displayed with a list of all transactions (PO, PA, and credit memo transactions are included) to be processed. All transactions listed are selected by default and included in the totals at the bottom of the page.
- Select the top-level checkbox to select/unselect the list of transactions. Or, select individual checkboxes to only select specific transactions.

PRINT CHECKS    VOID CHECK

Previous    Next    Cancel    Check Signatures

Select vendors for printing checks. Click Next to view checks.

Select	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Trans Amount	Credit Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	11318			974.61	974.61	0.00	N	N			
<input type="checkbox"/>	21015			31,542.95	31,621.95	79.00	N	N			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			10.00	10.00	0.00	N	Y			
<input type="checkbox"/>	40590			9,530.22	9,795.43	265.21	N	N			

Selected Check Amount Total: 10.00    Check Trans Amount Total: 10.00    Credit Amount Total: 0.00

- If printing checks, click **Check Signatures** to select the appropriate signature(s) to be printed on the checks.

Maintenance > Check Processing

PRINT CHECKS    VOID CHECK

Previous    Update    Cancel

Last Recorded Checks

Check Number: EFT Number: E00001     Fund Transfer Summary Report     Credit Card Transfer Summary Report

If a check did not print for any of the vendors listed, remove the check from the Post checkbox. Click Update to post the transactions.

Post	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Number	Check Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			E00001	10.00	N	Y			

Selected Checks Amount Total: 0.00    EFT Amount Total: 10.00    Total Amount: 10.00



**TIP:** The total of the Fund Transfer will match the total of all transactions processed.



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