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Request for Check

What is a Request for Check

The Request for Check (RFC) is a method of payment to minimize the amount of paperwork and administrative costs, while accelerating the payment process. Employees make small, immediate purchases to secure the necessary items to complete their routine tasks.

With a Request for Check, vendors are paid quicker than standard payments issued through a purchase order and invoice method.

When to Use a Request for Check

Request for Check process through Accounts Payable may be used for acquiring goods and services up to \$1,000 in value that are ***not*** on a City Contract or Cooperative Contract. This payment method is eligible for any purchase up to \$1000 per Vendor, per receipt (invoice) in lieu of a procurement card.

- A Procurement card is the preferred method of payment for small dollar transactions ***not*** on a City Contract or Cooperative Contract.
- The Check Request method of payment should not be used to circumvent the procurement process. If there is a routine continuing need for any purchase over the \$3,000.00 threshold to the same Vendor, the Purchasing Department must be contacted to provide oversight.

Note: Component, separate, or sequential purchasing to avoid competition is not allowed.

Note: Do not use RFC when charging to Object Codes 1515 or 1522.

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Payment Exceptions

There are several exceptions to the \$1,000 limit as outlined in the following table.

Unless otherwise noted, exceptions listed are NOT limited by dollar amount as these expenses are exempt from competitive procurement law.

However, when payment to one Vendor exceeds \$50,000 in the same fiscal year, Council approval is required.

Payment Exceptions Table	
Description	Notes
Advertising	Paid directly to the publisher
Artists, musicians, sports referees or similar	Personal contracts
Books, brochures, and educational materials	Paid directly to the publisher
Event fees	
Fees associated with bond sales, legal fees or any fees required by law	
Legal settlements	
Magazine, newspaper, and periodical subscriptions	Not software subscriptions
Membership dues	
Payments processed through pre-encumbered contracts	Construction or similar projects
Permits	
Postage and postage meter	
Professional licenses, certification, and exam fees	
Property tax, real estate, and real estate appraisals	
Refunds, rebates, and program incentives	
Seminar and training fees	
Sponsorships	
Utility bills and telephone bills (not cellular)	

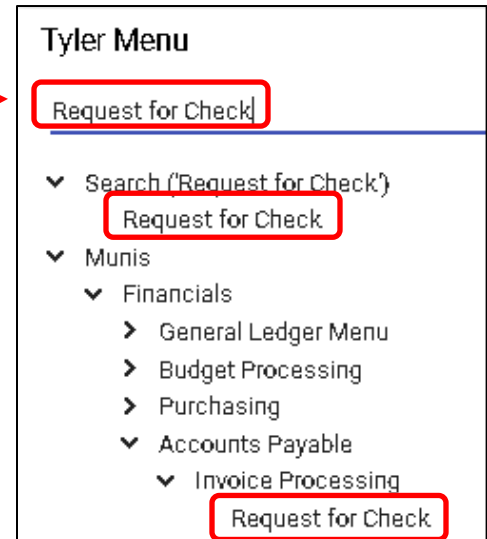
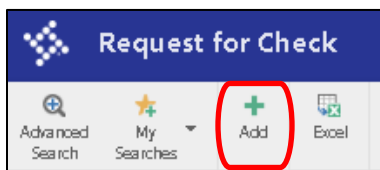
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Request for Check Process

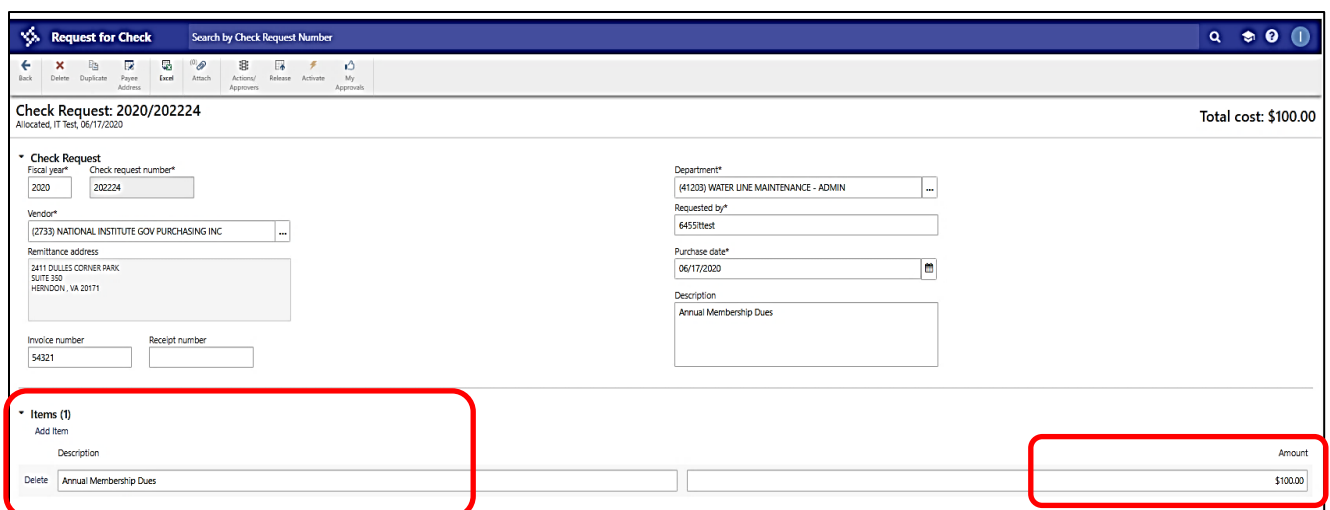
To enter a Request for Check in Munis follow the steps below or use the Search Option.

- Tyler Menu
- Financials
- Accounts Payable
- Invoice Processing
- Request for Check

Click **Add** to start a new Request for Check.



1. **Check Request Number** is issued – mark this number on your invoice
2. Search for **Vendor** by typing the Vendor name or number and use the Tab key through the remaining fields
3. **Department** will default from your Munis User sign in
4. **Purchase Date** will be the date request is entered – *Do not to use a future or prior date*
5. **Invoice Number** is a required field. Enter the invoice number, if no invoice number, enter the date of purchase
6. Enter a **Description** summary of what was purchased – this will print on the Check memo



Request for Check Search by Check Request Number

Check Request: 2020/202224
Allocated, IT Test, 06/17/2020 Total cost: \$100.00

Check Request

Fiscal year* 2020 Check request number* 202224
Department* (41203) WATER LINE MAINTENANCE - ADMIN
Vendor* (2733) NATIONAL INSTITUTE GOV PURCHASING INC
Remittance address 2411 DULLES CORNER PARK SUITE 350 HERNDON, VA 20171
Requested by* 6455ttest
Purchase date* 06/17/2020
Description Annual Membership Dues
Invoice number 54321 Receipt number

Items (1)

Description	Amount
Annual Membership Dues	\$100.00

7. Tab to **Items** and enter the description of the purchase from the invoice. Tab to **Amount** and add the total dollar amount. If there are multiple lines, click **Add Item** to enter additional lines.

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8. Click **Add Allocation** and Tab to GL Account
9. Tab to the **GL Account** field and enter or look up the ORG and Object codes for this purchase.
 - a. If a project string is required, enter or look up in the Project field.

Description	GL Account	Amount
Annual Membership Dues	20040000-5368 technology - hardware	
	20040000-5369 Technology - Software	\$100.00
	20040000-5414 Subscriptions & Publications	
	20040000-5421 Licenses Certifications Dues	
	20040000-5422 Water Conservation Program	
	20040000-5434 Training & Education	

Project String	GL Account	Percent	Amount
Enter project string...	E (20040000-5421-) Licenses Certifications Dues	100.000	\$100.00

10. Budget Check will occur on the allocation.

Project String	GL account	Percent	Amount
Enter project string...	E (20040000-5421-) Licenses Certifications Dues	100.000	\$100.00

Available account budget not exceeded
GL account available budget: \$32,463.80

11. If this will be charged to multiple accounts change the percentage or amount and use the Tab key to add a second allocation line to enter the ORG and Object Code for the remaining amount.
12. If NOT, Leave at 100 Percent.

13. Click **Save** or **Save and Add New** to enter another Request for Check.

Save and Add New Save Cancel

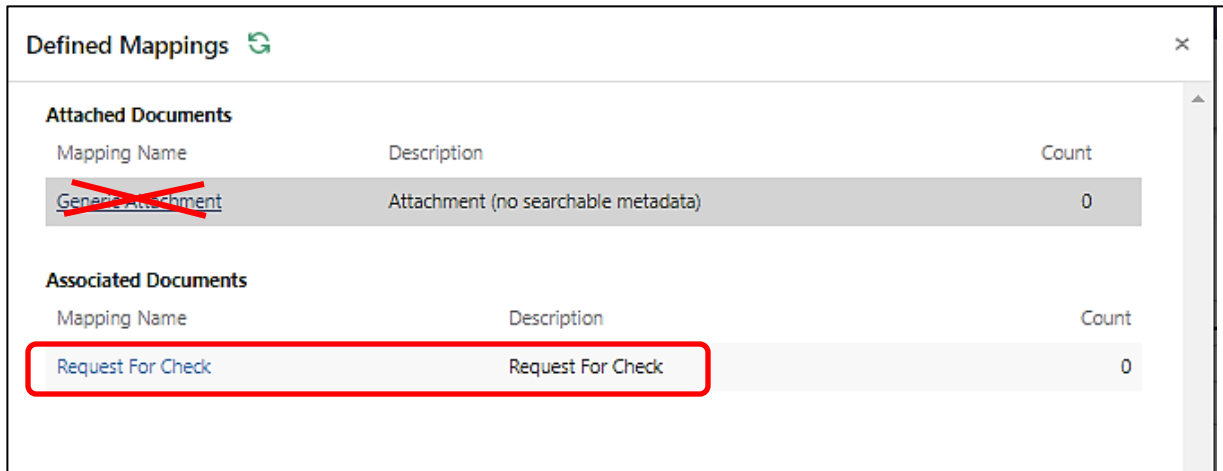
14. Click on the **Paper Clip** and attach the invoice in Tyler Content Manager (TCM)

Request for Check Search by Check Request Number

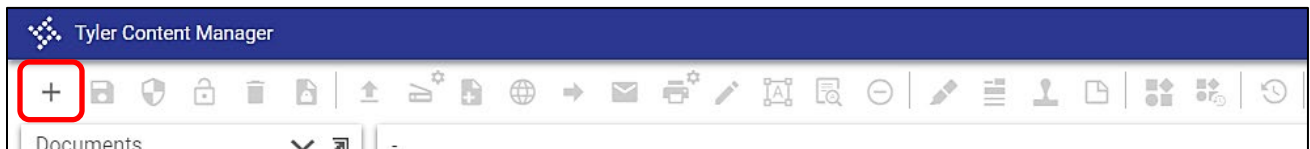
Back Delete Duplicate Payee Address Excel Attach Actions/Approvers Release Activate My Approvals

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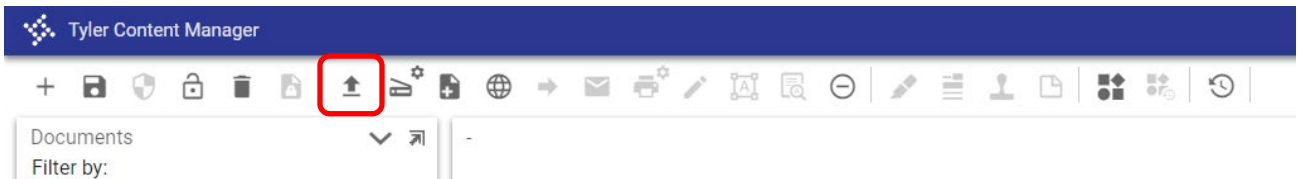
15. Defined Mappings box opens. Click on Request for Check. **Do not use Generic Attachments.**



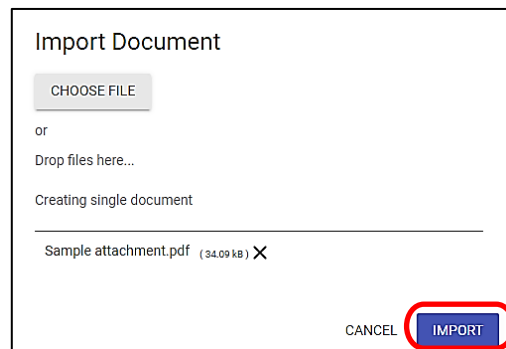
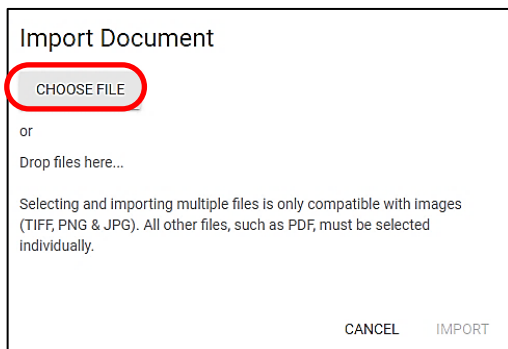
16. Click New



17. Click Import

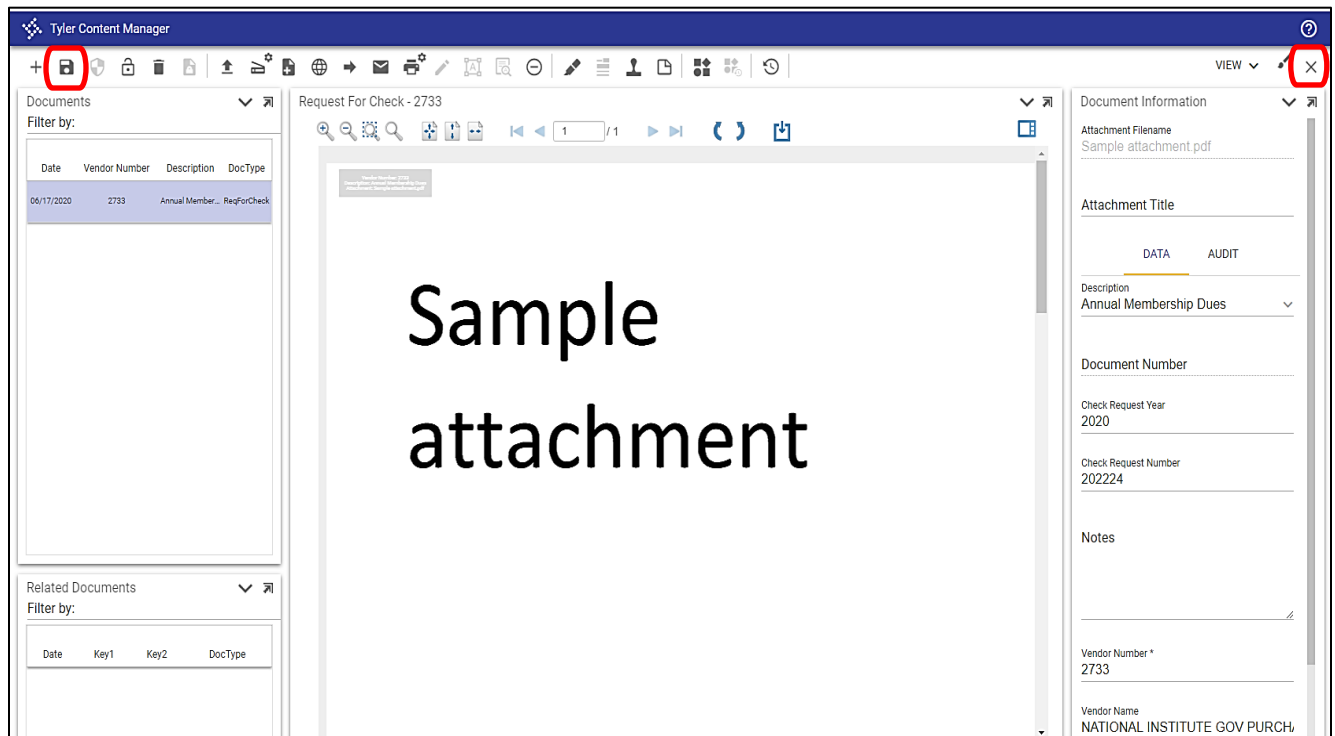


18. Click Choose File and select your scanned Invoice. Click Import



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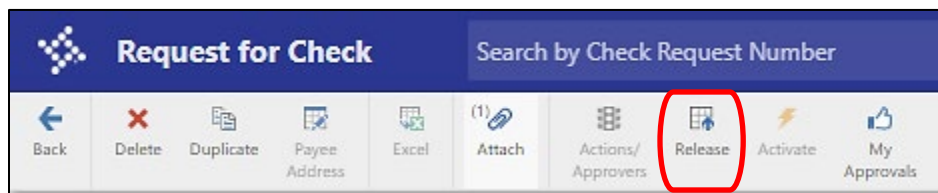
19. Verify that the Invoice is legible. Click the **Save** icon, then the **X** to return to the Request page.



20. Close Defined Mappings screen, if still open



21. Click **Release** – The request is now sent into Workflow for approval.



22. Send an Email to **_AP Team** group with the invoice attached. Include the following:

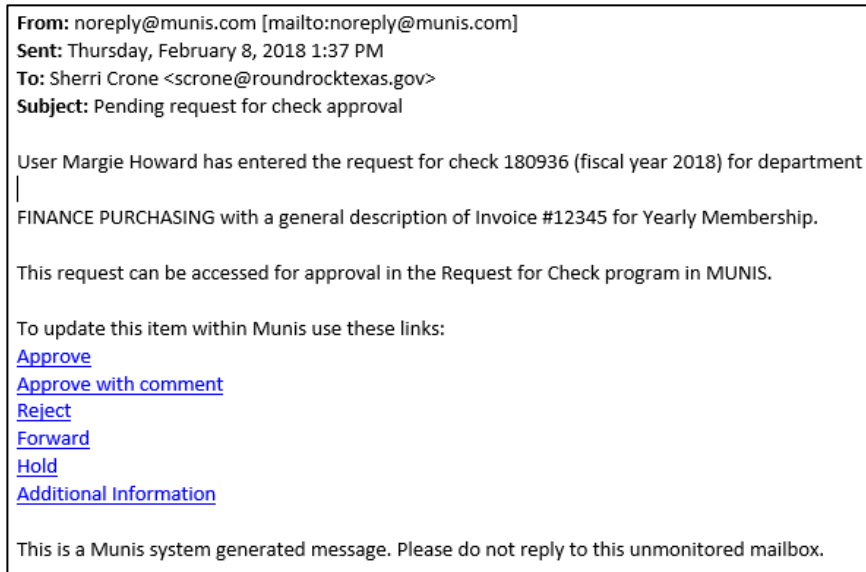
- The Subject Line: "Vendor name – and RFC Number "
- Add any special notes for processing to the AP Team in the body of the email (Ex: Hold check for pick up, send a copy of the registration with Payment...)

Note: The TCM feature for Request for Check may not always function properly, that is why sending this information to the **_APTeam** is required.

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Approving Request for Check

Approvers will receive a similar email notification when a Request for Check has been Released for Approval.



Note: The Preferred method to review and approve a Request for Check is to log in to Munis and open the request from your Dashboard.

1. On the Request for Check screen, review the information of the purchase, Org and Object Codes, Total Amount, and attachment(s). Click the Action/Approvers Icon.

The screenshot shows the 'Request for Check' web application interface. At the top, there is a search bar for 'Check Request Number' and a navigation menu with icons for Back, Delete, Duplicate, Payee Address, Excel, Attach, Actions/Approvers (highlighted with a red box), Release, Activate, and My Approvals. The main content area displays details for 'Check Request: 2020/202224', released on 06/17/2020, with a total cost of \$100.00.

Check Request Details:

- Fiscal year*: 2020
- Check request number*: 202224
- Department*: (17001) FINANCE PURCHASING
- Requested by*: 6455ttest
- Vendor*: (2733) NATIONAL INSTITUTE GOV PURCHASING INC
- Remittance address: 2411 DULLES CORNER PARK, SUITE 350, HERNDON, VA 20171
- Purchase date*: 06/17/2020
- Description: Annual Membership Dues
- Invoice number: 54321
- Receipt number: (empty)

Items (1):

Description	Amount
Annual Membership Dues	\$100.00

Allocations (1):

Project String	GL account	Percent	Amount
Enter project string...	E (10017001-5421-) Licenses Certifications Dues	100.000	\$100.00

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2. If all is correct, click **Approve** in the action section. Click Save

Reject – requires you to enter a comment to the Requestor why it is rejected.

Hold – we do not use this option.

Forward – Send to someone that is not currently in the Approval Group of this Request.

Workflow Approval

Steps

- Step 14 - Approvers (7)
- Cheryl Kaufman
- Christine Valdovino
- Erica Solis
- Lisa Haines
- Lorie Lankford
- Sherri Crone
- Teresa Reddy

RFC

Actions Step Details

- Approve
- Reject
- Hold
- Release Hold
- Forward
- Convert

Comments

Save Cancel

Approving from the HUB

1. Open the **Approvals** Tab on the **HUB**
2. Check the **box** next to the Request for Check to review
3. Review the details to the right
 - Note** – To see full details of the Request for Check and attachment(s) click on the pop-out
4. Click **Approve** – the request is now ready for accounts payable to process

Approvals

All Process Codes All Dates

SELECT ALL REFRESH (1/201)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RFC: Request for Check pending approvals 202224 6/18/2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 10/3/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 7/11/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 3/21/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 10/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 5/11/2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIA: Vendor profile creation approval New vendor profile record approval required 10/16/2017

RFC: Request for Check pending approvals

Created Thu Jun 18 2020

Reason G/L segment code matches business rule criteria

Check Request Number 202224

Requested By 6455ittest

Invoice Number 54321

Receipt Number

Purchase Date 06/17/2020

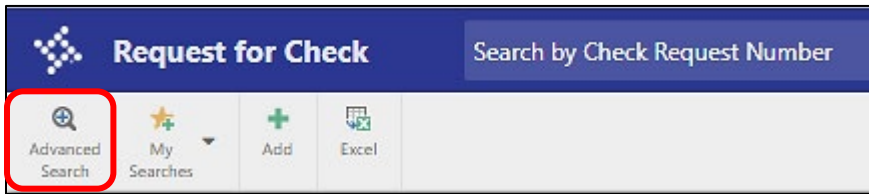
APPROVE REJECT FORWARD HOLD CLOSE SETTINGS

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Searching for a Request for Check

To see the details on a Check Request before approving or after, follow these steps

1. Click **Advanced** to open search fields



2. Enter or look up field information to filter your search then Click the **Search** button

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' form. It has a title 'Advanced Search' and a 'My Searches' dropdown menu. Below the title is a 'Clear search criteria' link and a 'Startup search' checkbox. The form contains several input fields: 'Fiscal year', 'Department', 'Entered by', 'Check request number', 'Created on', 'Status', and 'Vendor'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Search' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Save', 'Save As', 'Reset', and 'Cancel' buttons.

3. Click on the **Check Request Number** link to view the details

The screenshot shows a table of 'Check Requests' with 655 items. The table has columns for 'Check Request', 'Vendor', 'Status', 'Requested By', 'Entered By', 'Date Purchased', 'Date Entered', and 'Amount'. The first column is highlighted with a red box. The table data is as follows:

Check Request	Vendor	Status	Requested By	Entered By	Date Purchased	Date Entered	Amount
(2020) 202224	(2733) NATIONAL INSTITUTE GOV ...	Released	6455ttest	6455ttest	6/17/2020	6/17/2020	\$100.00
(2020) 202221	(60873) OFFICE DEPOT	Converted	6455sief	6455sief	6/15/2020	6/15/2020	\$42.99
(2020) 202217	(7507) DSHS CENTRAL LAB MC2004	Converted	6455wkin	6455wkin	6/11/2020	6/11/2020	\$1,392.89
(2020) 202204	(61466) GUZMAN, MARIA ALEJANDR...	Converted	6455bccl	6455bccl	6/10/2020	6/10/2020	\$22.00
(2020) 202203	(61944) CONWELL, KIA	Converted	6455bccl	6455bccl	6/10/2020	6/10/2020	\$132.00
(2020) 202200	(55929) JOANNA VIRGNE	Converted	6455kjoh	6455kjoh	6/10/2020	6/10/2020	\$150.00
(2020) 202196	(62727) SCALET, RYAN	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$108.00
(2020) 202195	(61247) ROMAIN, MIKAELA	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$108.00
(2020) 202194	(63167) FLORES, TERI L	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$180.00
(2020) 202193	(61603) STRONG, DARRIN	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$202.50
(2020) 202190	(62990) RANFT, KEVIN T	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$442.00
(2020) 202189	(61912) RODRIGUEZ, VICTOR	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$160.00
(2020) 202188	(63168) RANFT, KADENCE DELANEY	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$300.00
(2020) 202187	(8362) WERMES,GENE M	Converted	6455rdig	6455rdig	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	\$357.00

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Status Meanings

- **Allocated** – The requestor is still working on the request. The requestor needs to release the Check Request for it to move into Workflow for approval
- **Released** – The request is in the Workflow process waiting for one approver in the group to review and approve
- **Converted** – The request has been fully approved and accounts payable will pay according to directions
- **Reject** – A change is required or should be deleted and entered as a Requisition

Things to Remember

- A/P payment deadlines are the same as any other invoice
 - Due to A/P by noon on Tuesday, unless otherwise specified
 - Check runs on Thursday, ready on Friday
- Must have an accurate invoice with a Request for Check – No Statements or Quotes
- Goods must be received, prior to processing a Request for Check
- Make sure you do not duplicate a payment, (i.e. pay with the Procurement Card or enter a requisition in Munis, then process a Request for Check)
- *If you have multiple invoices to the same vendor, you must enter as **separate** Request for Checks in Munis
- *Multiple Check Requests to the same vendors may not go over the \$3,000.00 purchasing limit unless they are on the Payment Exceptions List (Page 3)
- In September, after the deadline for processing Requisitions, Request for Check can be used but the goods must be delivered and invoiced by September 30th
- In October, the September and older invoices cannot be entered in Munis. These invoices must be turned in on the *Paper Check Request form* to be entered in for the previous fiscal year by Accounts Payable.