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### **Recommended Mission-Specific Elective Competencies: Local Government Management**

The joint NASPAA/ICMA working group has recommended the adoption by NASPAA of the following “mission-specific” competencies for MPA programs with a local government management emphasis.

### **Standard 6.3 Mission-Specific Elective Competencies: Local Government Management**

**Programs that have identified as part of their mission the offering of an option, specialization, or concentration that is intended to prepare students for a career in professional local government management should demonstrate their conformance to the following guidelines.**

**A. Graduates of the program will be able to demonstrate the application of their knowledge and understanding of:**

- 1. The ethics of local government management, emphasizing the role of the professional chief executive.**
- 2. The roles and relationships among key local and other government elected and appointed officials.**
- 3. The purposes of and processes for communicating with and engaging citizens in local governance.**
- 4. The management of local government core services and functions.**
- 5. The management of local government financial resources.**
- 6. The management of local government human resources.**

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