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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA
Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

Item Details

Presenter(s): Linda Graham Jones, Director

Department(s): Organizational Excellence

Requested Motion

Motion to approve an Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement between Wake County and Wake County Municipal Partners for participation in an Executive Master of Public Administration (eMPA) program.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

The eMPA program is a 36-credit hour program to be delivered by East Carolina University (ECU) starting in January 2026 on a closed cohort basis. The Program shall consist of 12 courses, and it is anticipated that admitted students will register for two courses per semester for six semesters. The admitted class shall constitute a defined group of students prescreened by the County and Municipal Parties that will progress through the program together, fostering collaboration and networking. Enrollment shall not be rolling, and substitutions or mid-cohort admissions will not be permitted.

Through an internal application and selection process, the Town of Apex invited eligible members of the Extended Leadership Team to apply for participation. The Extended Leadership Team is comprised of assistant directors, managers, and supervisors from across the organization. Sufficient interest and a strong pool of qualified candidates resulted in all available program slots being filled.

This initiative is being implemented as a pilot program. If successful, future participation opportunities may be expanded to employees who meet the following minimum criteria:

- A minimum of five years of public administration-related professional experience;
- At least three years of experience managing people or processes; and
- An undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.7.

The Town of Apex selected five (5) participants to take part in the eMPA program.

Attachments

- CN1-A1: Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement - Executive Master of Public Administration (eMPA) Program
- CN1-A2: Exhibit 1 - Semester Payment Schedule - Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement - Executive Master of Public Administration (eMPA) Program

