
PROPOSED BALTIMORE BUDGET CUTS 600 JOBS



Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake released a budget proposal Wednesday that stands to cut more than 600 city employees, including 120 police officers and 90 fire fighters. The Maryland city is looking at a budget deficit of \$121 million, and this initial proposal would balance the offset. Fortunately, it is not expected to be adopted in its present form, a revised budget being planned for April 12 which is to include \$50 million in new revenue. Although the new revenue stream was not identified by the mayor, city leaders have previously discussed several options, including new taxes on nonprofits, a bottle tax, and higher parking and ambulance fees.

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