

KING COUNTY FACES \$56 MILLION BUDGET GAP; 376 LAYOFFS LIKELY TO ENSUE

[caption id="attachment_13652" align="alignright" width="160" caption="King County Courthouse"] [/caption] King County, Seattle is looking at a \$56 million shortfall in its 2010 budget. Executive of the county, Kurt Triplett, proposed on Monday a series of layoffs, furloughs and park closures to handle the massive gap. Triplett's proposal would see 376 jobs cut. On Monday, layoff notices were sent out to 145 employees with the remaining positions staying vacant, according to county officials. The budget also contains \$6.5 million in furloughs and an additional 16 jobs from the Executive's office. No final agreement has been reached.

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