

## A quick guide to understanding the King County budget



On October 15, the King County Executive will submit his proposed budget for the upcoming 2008 calendar year.

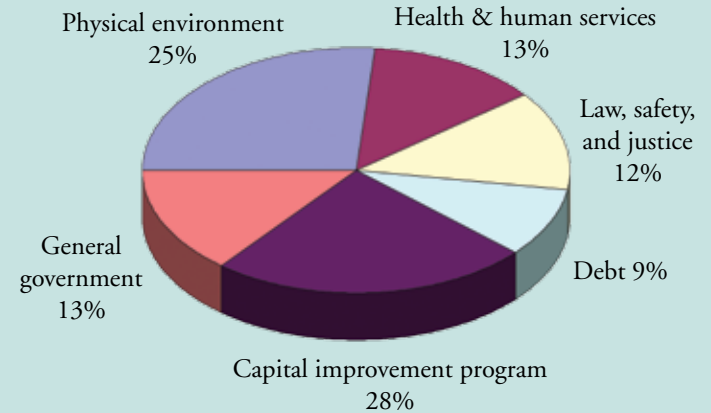
Once the budget is submitted to the County Council, there will be several public hearings to review and make changes to the Executive's proposal. Traditionally, the Council adopts the final county budget just before Thanksgiving.

Here are some important background and facts about the budget:

- State law requires that all counties write balanced budgets.
- More than three-fourths of the county budget is dedicated by law to specific programs. These “dedicated funds” cannot be used for other purposes.
- The county's General Fund supports the day-to-day operations of county services that do not receive dedicated revenues.
- King County receives an average of 15 cents of each property tax dollar that you pay, with the remaining 85 cents going directly to schools, unincorporated roads, fire departments, libraries, parks, hospital districts, and the Port of Seattle.

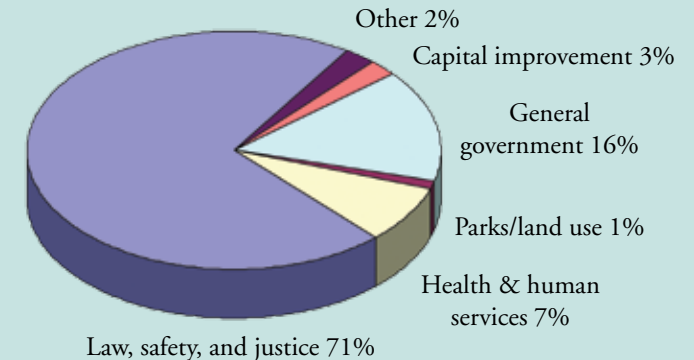
### 2007 King County budget

\$3.86 billion (dedicated and non-dedicated funds)



### 2007 General Fund expenditures

\$632 million (non-dedicated funds)



## Public comment on the proposed 2008 King County budget

The King County Council will be holding four public meetings throughout the county to receive direct feedback from citizens on the proposed 2008 budget.

**Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm**

### Regional Justice Center

401 Fourth Avenue North, Courtroom 3F  
Kent, WA 98032

**Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm**

### West Seattle High School

3000 California Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98116

**Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm**

### Bellevue City Hall

450 - 110th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98009

**Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 pm**

### King County Council Chambers

516 Third Ave, 10th Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104

If you cannot attend any of these meetings, please feel free to e-mail me your comments at [kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov). Please note new e-mail address and contact me if you would like to receive my monthly e-mail newsletter.

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