

# Dealing with Budget Cuts

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# Budget Cuts



# Cuts are often not “Unexpected”



"Now that you mention it, it does sound  
like the patter of rain on a tin roof."

# Approach

**Proactive**

not

**Reactive**

# Crisis Management





# Crisis Management



**Be Prepared!**

# Set Priorities

- Programs
- People
- Facilities
- Operations





**Balance ?**

**Personnel**

**VS**

**Maintenance & Operations**





# Facilities



# Communication



**Share**

**LISTEN!**





# Look for Opportunities

- External funding
- Leveraging



- Enticements





# Partnerships

THE SAMUEL ROBERTS  
**NOBLE**  
FOUNDATION



# Evaluations During Cuts



- Don't slack off
- Be consistent

# Budgets

**Zero-based**

**Carryover**





IT IS HARD  
WALKIN'  
ON THIS  
STUFF.

YEP, SON,  
WE HAVE MET  
THE ENEMY  
AND HE IS US.

# The Future?

