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KC finds crime lab has blown its budget

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Kansas City officials may scale back plans for a police crime lab because of a budget that has ballooned by about \$17 million, [*The Kansas City Star* reports](#).

Kansas City voters voted to renew a public safety sales tax in 2010 to fund what was billed as a \$57 million project. Officials now estimate the project's cost at \$74 million.

Costs for the East Patrol crime lab have shot up due to faulty estimates of what it would take to acquire land near 27th Street and Prospect Avenue and to design and build the lab.

While the Kansas City Police Board of Commissioners is considering other options for raising money, city officials will consider scaling back plans for the lab, *The Star* reports.