

## CoCT launches Cash for Power programme alongside Energy Strategy unveiling



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City of Cape Town opened applications for residential households to earn cash for selling their excess solar power to the city, as part of its ambitious Energy Strategy to end load-shedding by 2026. Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis announced the first round of applications is open until 8 March for households with approved grid-tied solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and bidirectional meters to feed power back into the grid.



Cape Town mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis used the opportunity to criticise national government.

The Cash for Power programme is one of several initiatives that the city is pursuing to diversify its electricity supply, reduce its dependence on Eskom, the state-owned utility that has been plagued by mismanagement and corruption, and transition to a more sustainable, clean-energy future.

Other initiatives include:

**Power Heroes:** a voluntary programme for households and small businesses that enables remote switching of power-hungry appliances such as geysers and pool pumps to avoid a full stage of load-shedding.

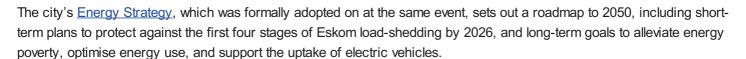
sector suppliers through tenders and wheeling agreements, which allow third parties to sell electricity to each other using existing grid infrastructure.

**City-owned small-scale embedded generation (SSEG):** the city is installing solar PV panels at its own facilities, such as the Atlantis plant and the CTICC, to generate up to 20MW of power.



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## Criticised Ramaphosa

Hill-Lewis said that the strategy was driven by the need to boost economic growth and job creation, which have been severely hampered by the frequent and unpredictable power cuts that have affected the country for the past 17 years.

He also criticised President Cyril Ramaphosa for failing to deliver on his promises to end load-shedding and reform the energy sector, saying that Cape Town could not wait for the national government to fix the crisis.

"We must do so ourselves," he said.

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