

Cadiz city

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The Annual Energy Coverage of Cadiz

1. Objectives:

- Guarantee access to a sufficient amount of energy to enjoy a decent life for the most vulnerable families of the city.
- Promote a responsible and sustainable energy management and culture.
- Reduce time in bureaucratic procedures related to energy aids.

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2. Description of the experience:

Cadiz city has 114,000 inhabitants and one of the highest unemployment rates in the European Union. The city has a public electric company, Electrica de Cadiz, that is 55% municipal property. City Council offers different types of aid in electricity: Bonus for pensioners, puntual bill payments, ... These social benefits are paid with company profits.

Only in the payment of puntual energy bills to families in a situation of vulnerability, this city council invested in 2021: 329,668€. Around 500,000€ in total with the rest of electricity aids. The processing of these aids is done by the Social Affairs Delegation. It requires an enormous volume of work in bureaucratic procedures.

At the end of 2015, a participatory process began that culminated 3 years later in the creation of the Annual Energy Coverage, an aid that guarantees a sufficient amount of energy to live with dignity for families with less income and greater vulnerability.

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3. What does Annual Energy Coverage consist of?

- The aid is applied directly to the beneficiary's electricity bill.
- It is an energy aid for the whole year.
- Financing: The city council pays for the aid.
- The amount of energy allocated is based on the number of people.
- If they does not exceed consumption, **the cost of the bill is zero euros.**
- It is mandatory to do an electrical receipt and domestic energy management workshop before.

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4. Difficulties and obstacles

- Legal and financial obstacles: By law, the municipal company already pays €400,000 per year to pay for the state aid (social bonus) that it cannot offer.
- Work saturation, temporality and poor working conditions in the Social Affairs Delegation due to legal limitations on contracting in public administrations.
- A new policy is battle without quarter. Politicization of the process. Misinformation by the press throughout the whole process.

Aid related:

- Coverage requires monthly review of excesses of consumption. Reminder to the user of the payment of the debt, so that he does not lose the aid.
- Lack of attendance at workshops (despite being a requirement).

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4. Challenges and results

Results: Today there are 259 coexistence units to which the Cádiz City Council ensures 100% of the electricity they need to live with dignity throughout the year.

[We do not know (and we would like to) of any municipality or state that covers 100% of the electricity bill for families who cannot pay for electricity, worrying about their consumption and their training in efficient energy management].

Challenges:

- The aim is to move 75% of Social Affairs users to Annual Energy Coverage
- Make the experience known: Guaranteeing access to energy is possible!
- The continuity of this aid depends on the political will (elections).
- Participation of the municipal energy company in a context of price crisis.

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¿Qué es?

Una ayuda en el suministro eléctrico del Ayuntamiento de Cádiz para personas o unidades familiares con recursos económicos muy limitados y en situación de vulnerabilidad extrema.

¿Cómo funciona?



La persona titular de la ayuda ve bonificada en su factura eléctrica una cantidad de energía y potencia suficientes para vivir dignamente. Si no excede el consumo bonificable, su factura mensual con Eléctrica de Cádiz le sale a pagar CERO euros.

La Cobertura Energética Anual es tramitada de oficio por parte de la Delegación de Asuntos Sociales. No requiere solicitud.



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¿QUÉ CANTIDAD DE ENERGÍA SE BONIFICA?

La energía utilizada cada mes con un límite determinado por los habitantes de la vivienda

1 persona

150kWh

2 personas

180kWh

3 - 5 personas

240kWh

6 + personas

300kWh

¿QUÉ CANTIDAD DE POTENCIA CONTRATADA SE BONIFICA? 3,5kW

¿Qué pasa si se excede el consumo o se quiere contratar más potencia?

El/la titular tiene que abonar el coste de la diferencia.



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Thank you for your attention!

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