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MILLIONS of rands owed to Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality would go a long way to boosting the budget and providing service delivery.

This is according to Mayor Comfort Khumalo in a recent address to the municipality's Integrated

Development Plan (IDP) and Budget Roadshow at Qomukuphila hall.

The R65-million includes R11-million owed by national government, R20-million by the business sector and a further R20-million by residents, among others.

"This is one of the things slowing us down. This money would boost our budget and a whole lot more could be done," said Khumalo.

He said the current budget is just under R250-million, with R31.2m allocated for housing - R23m for construction, R7m for electricity and R2m for Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) salaries, among others.

Khumalo said the municipality took money from elsewhere to add to the EPWP allocation, increasing it to R3-million.

There are plans to sell land for R1.5-million, with an anticipated equitable share of about R137-million coming from national government.

On the equitable share, Khumalo said it was important that locals register to vote because this has an impact on budget allocation.

The Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) is just over R23-million, with an anticipated R35-million collected annually through rates and rendering of services.



Mayor Comfort Khumalo