

Moscow Mayor Promises \$70,000 Reward for Olympic Medalists

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Sergei Sobyanin, Mayor of Moscow, has promised a reward of four million rubles (\$69,500) to every Muscovite who brings back a gold medal from the Olympics.

Almost 170 Russian athletes are competing in the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang. They are competing under a [neutral flag](#) following doping allegations and have won [five medals](#) so far, none gold.

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"Every Russian athlete who receives a gold medal should be considered a national hero," Sobyanin was [cited](#) as saying by the state-run TASS news agency.

Following the Sochi Winter Games in 2014, Russian medalists were [awarded](#) luxury SUVs, with their value depending on the color of their medal. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev

personally handed over the car keys.

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