



**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK FOR
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION**

**NON-REFUNDABLE FINANCIAL COOPERATION
PRESS RELEASE**

The Board of Directors of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), in its session of February 23, 2021, approved through a resolution a Non-Refundable Financial Cooperation for an amount of US\$500,000 for each member country of the Central American Integration System (SICA).

Today, June 7, 2021, the Bank made the disbursement of US\$500,000 to the Central Bank of Belize account. This cooperation is provided for countries to continue supporting the efforts that they are making to face the emergency that occurs due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The resources granted may be used for any of the following purposes: purchase of medicine and medical supplies to attend the health emergency; purchase of food, drinking water and other goods for primary use required by the affected population; financing of communication campaigns and actions related to the emergency care and affected population; financing to meet the preparation and response plans for COVID-19; financing to strengthen surveillance, prepare health services, prevent the spread of the virus and maintain essential services; and financing for emergency care of the affected population.

Dr. Osmond Martinez, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment, participated in a virtual meeting on June 4, 2021, with Dr. Dante Mossi, Executive President, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, to discuss ongoing and potential projects. During his remarks, CEO Martinez emphasized on the importance of Belize's integration to the Central America region.

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration remains committed to assisting the people and Government of Belize in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

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