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Ms. Rocío Medina Bolívar
Country Representative - Belize
Inter-American Development Bank
1024 Newtown Barracks
Belize City, Belize

Ref: BL-L1046 Municipal Urban Infrastructure Program – Request for Loan Modification

Dear Ms. Medina Bolívar,

Large and sudden migration inflows from Central American countries continue to represent an important development challenge to Belize as it is impacting quality of public services and social inclusion. In this context, the Government of Belize wishes to express its interest in using non-reimbursable resources from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Grant Facility (GRF) to support countries with large and sudden intraregional migration flows in operations that are under preparation or in execution that could be eligible to be complemented or scaled up to address the effects of this phenomenon in host communities.

Reference is made to the loan operation *Municipal Urban Infrastructure Program BL-L1046* being prepared and designed in the amount of US\$10 million to add an investment grant of up-to US\$2.5 million from the GRF and **an additional of up to US\$0.5 million of technical cooperation resources to broaden the scope of this planned operation** in order to improve the quality of life of vulnerable migrant populations and host communities in Ambergris Caye, Corozal district and Orange Walk district **and to strengthen execution capacity to deliver these important development solutions.**

With respect to specifically to the TC being requested to support execution, we request that the IDB serve as the executing agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Osmond Martínez'.

Osmond Martínez, Ph. D.
Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development & Investment

cc. Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment
Mr. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment