

LOCAL NEWS

Deputies seek \$199.1 million more in 2027 budget, including \$10m for UNACHI

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Summary

The National Assembly's budget committee asked the finance ministry to add \$199.1 million to the 2027 budget, with \$23 million for the Assembly itself; Chiriquí's UNACHI would get \$10 million and quake-hit hospitals \$12.3 million.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that the National Assembly's budget committee, chaired by Eduardo Vásquez (Cambio Democrático), approved a resolution asking the Ministry of Economy and Finance to reformulate the 2027 general state budget and add \$199.1 million. The largest single slice, \$23 million, would go to the Assembly itself for operating costs such as payroll, second only to \$30 million in investment for the Ministry of Public Works. Health institutions would receive \$37.3 million, with \$5 million each for the Gorgas Institute, Hospital del Niño, Hospital Nicolás A. Solano, the José Domingo de Obaldía maternity hospital in David and the National Oncology Institute. Provinces hit by the 9 October earthquake would get \$12.3 million in investment for hospitals in Chitré, Océ and Santiago and a Macaracas health centre. Emergency services would gain \$12 million for the fire service, \$7 million for SUME 911 and \$4 million for SINAPROC. Chiriquí's Universidad Autónoma (UNACHI) is slated for \$10 million in operating funds, as is MiBus. Deputies from the Vamos bench objected to the Assembly's share and to drawing funds from debt service, offering an alternative \$191 million plan funded by cutting rents, publicity, consultancies and luxury vehicles. The resolution passed with nine votes; the overall 2027 budget bill totals \$35.11 billion.

Original (es)

Diputados piden \$199.1 millones más para el presupuesto de 2027; \$23 millones irían a la Asamblea

Los \$23 millones de la Asamblea son para funcionamiento, es decir para pagar las millonarias planillas de ese poder del Estado.