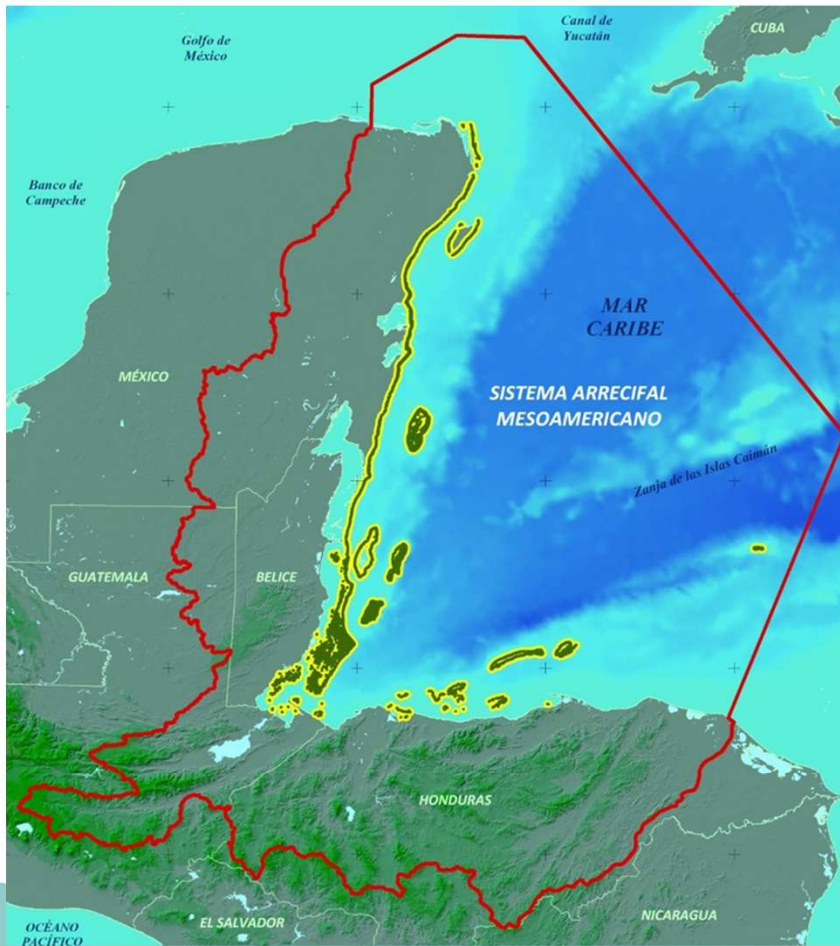


THE EMERGENCY FUND

An innovative mechanism for reef
response and preparedness



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Reef Rescue Initiative

- MAR Fund
 - Climate Change Program
 - **Reef Rescue Initiative**
- **Objective:** Contribute to the recovery and resilience of the MAR Region.
- Strategies
 - Legislation/Risk management instruments
 - Capacity Building: Reef Restoration
 - Financial Sustainability
 - Parametric Insurance for reefs
 - Emergency Fund

What is the Emergency Fund?

- The Emergency Fund (EF) is a financial mechanism established by MAR Fund through the RRI to provide immediate and timely funding to the reefs affected by natural disasters or anthropogenic activities.
- Through the EF, MAR Fund supports the MAR Region, and response/rescue teams with the capacity (training and equipment) to respond to an emergency.



What is an emergency?

- For the Emergency Fund, an emergency is an unexpected natural or anthropogenic event, causing damage to coral reefs and that requires immediate intervention to be repaired.



Eligible Emergencies

1. Damages caused by natural events (e.g. Hurricanes)
2. Damages caused by vessel groundings
3. Damage caused by different maritime artifacts (e.g. anchors, buoys, others)
4. Other types of damages that can be addressed using the Emergency Fund, and which intervention can solve an emergency and provide a measurable result



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Emergencies Not Eligible

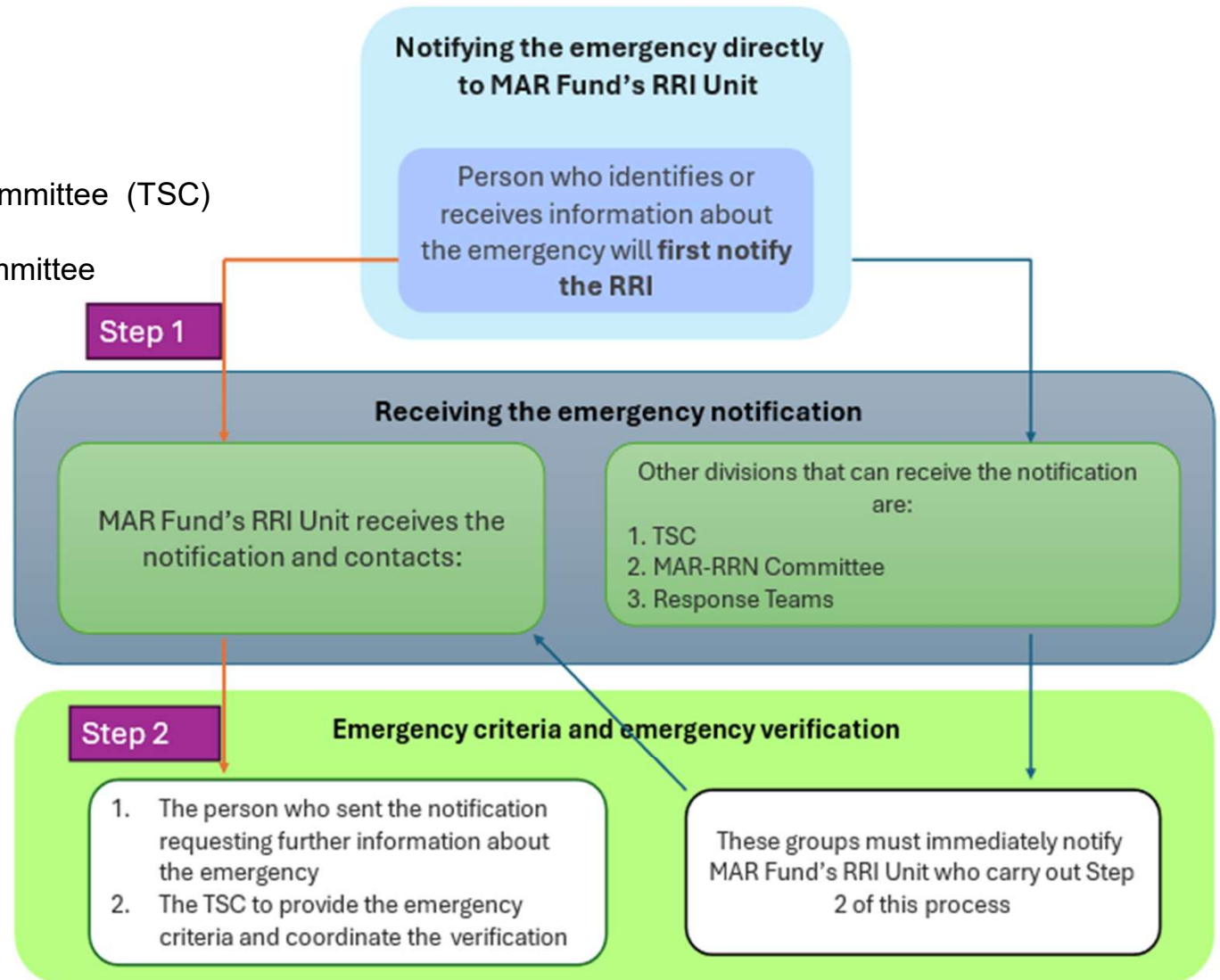
1. Long-term monitoring or activities that do not reduce the damage
2. Response to activities for which there is no definitive solution with a proven methodology.
3. Emergencies that cannot be solved with funds available in the EF
4. Monitoring activities or removal of contamination from plastic or other detritus
5. Pollution or constant discharge.
6. Beach clean-ups or activities of/with sargassum.

Can not request funds to be executed later, *in the case of an emergency in the future.*



How it operates?

- Reef Rescue Initiative Unit
- RRI's Technical Supervisory Committee (TSC)
- TSC is the Emergency Fund Committee



Steps to notify the emergency

What can be financed by the Emergency Fund?

- Maximum amount: **USD 35,000**
- Can finance:
 - Rapid damage evaluation
 - Emergency response implementation
 - Equipment and materials used to respond to the emergency
 - Daily wages for the team.
 - Other supplies (water, food, first aid kit)
 - Administrative expenses
 - Unforeseen expenses (5% of the donation)



Who can apply?

1. Local, nongovernmental organizations
2. Legally incorporated in the country of the emergency
3. Established in the MAR region, preferably close to the sites affected by the emergency.
4. Administrative procedures to receive and manage funds from grants
5. Local bank account to be able to receive bank transfers
6. Administrative procedures to hire staff and pay wages
7. Comply with MAR Fund's Due Diligence requirements
8. Comply with MAR Fund's Social and Environmental Safeguards



Requirements for funding request

1. Submit a technical proposal and budget to request funding –[simplified format](#)-
2. The methodology for addressing the emergency
3. Due Diligence requirements
4. Environmental and social risks of the planned activities and how they can be prevented or mitigated –[simplified format](#)-

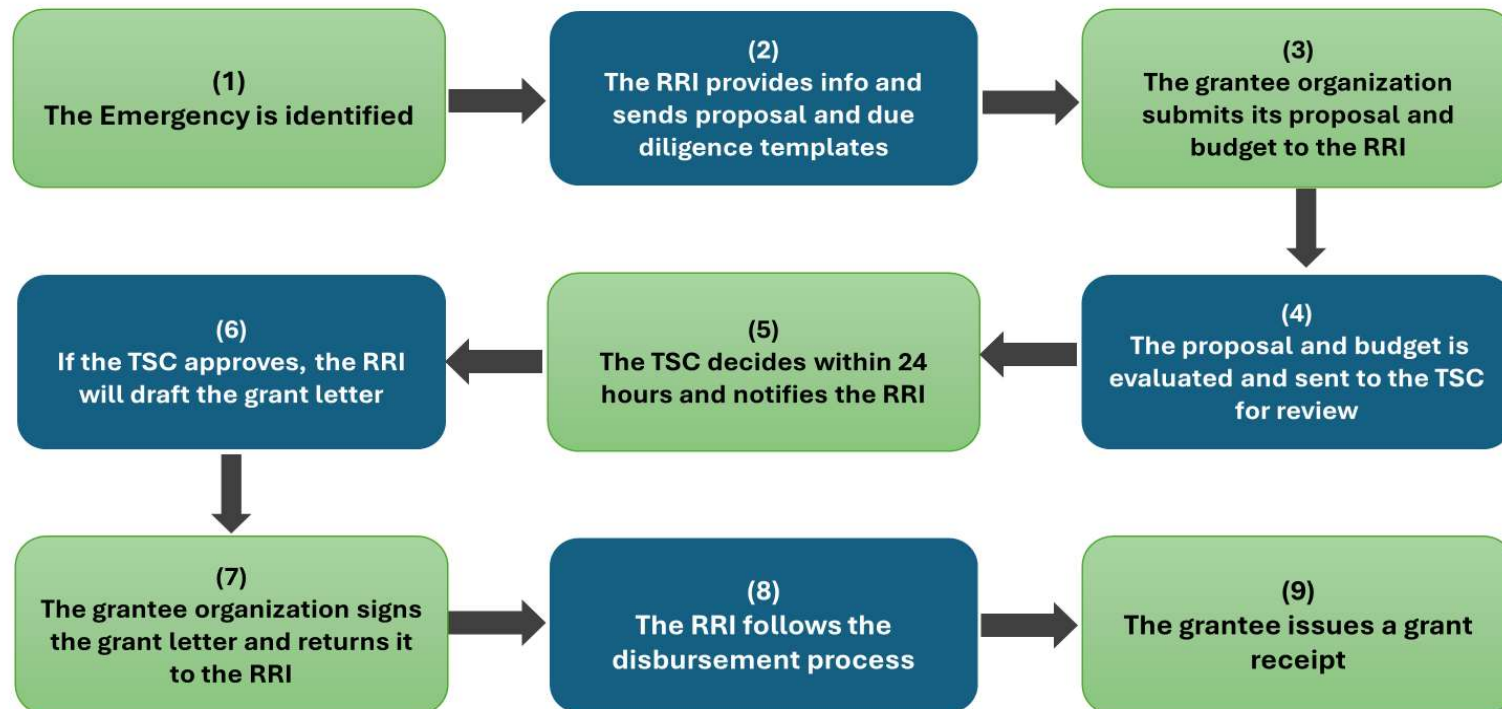


Requirements for the emergency response

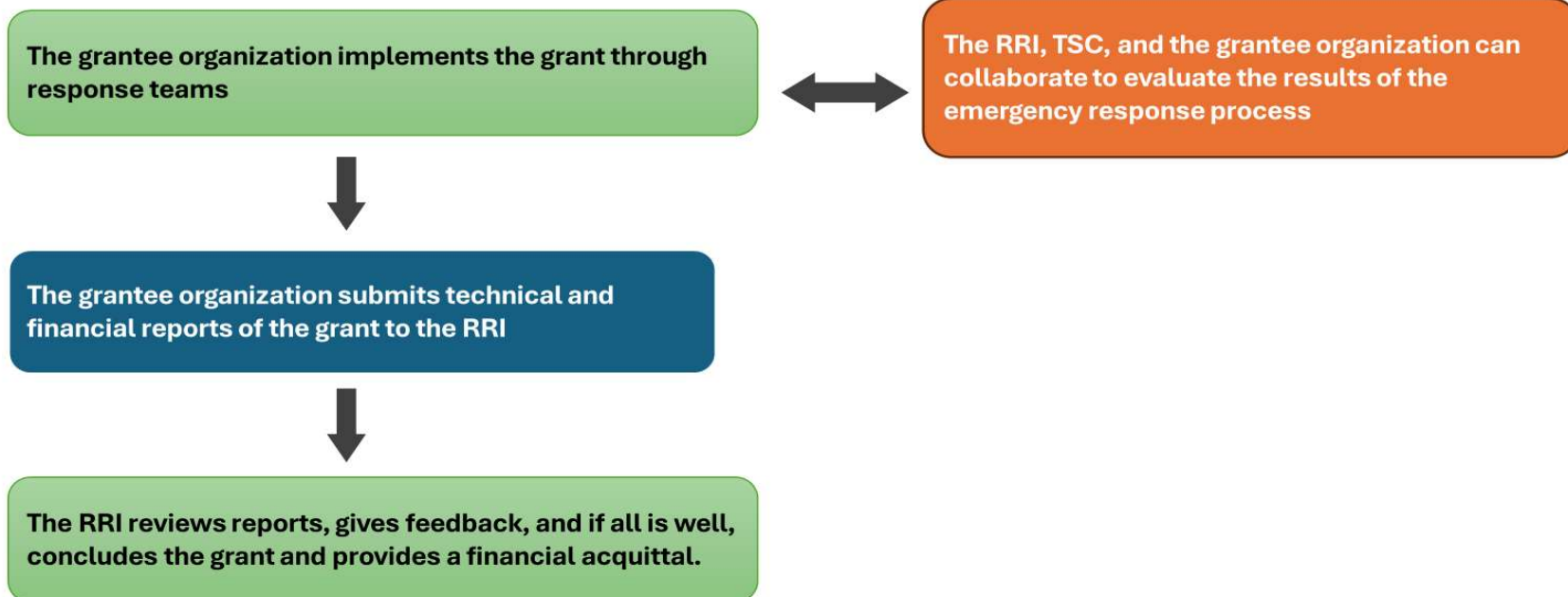
- The emergency will be addressed in the first 15 days from the occurrence of the event until a maximum of two months (60 days).
- A proven activity methodology must support the emergency response.
- The activities and methodology will depend on the type of emergency to address.
- The decision of providing funds to repair the damage, will be based on the availability of viable methodologies approved for the response. And, whether it is safe for response groups to approach the impacted reef site(s).



Steps to request funding from the EF



Implementation of grant funds



Pay-out management - Insurance for reefs

A clear and regionally coherent pay-out management and distribution process that enables the **rapid** distribution of funds for immediate post-storm reef response



Summary-Procedure for applying to the Funds

❖ Insurance activates (triggers payout)

1. Insurer notifies WTW → notifies MAR Fund.
2. MAR Fund notifies Response Committee and Reef Rescue Initiative Committee
3. MAR Fund and WTW claims payment. **At the same time**, the Response Committee prepares a proposal and budget (payout request) and DD requirements, and sends it to the MAR Fund. The RC organizes the brigades.
4. MAR Fund reviews and discusses the proposal with the RRI's Committee for approval.
5. MAR Fund receives the payout into the Emergency Fund.
6. MAR Fund and the non-governmental organization, appointed by the RC to administer the payout sign a donation letter.
7. MAR Fund delivers funding to response groups (to the appointed non-governmental organization to administer the payout).

❖ Emergency (insurance does not trigger -no payout-)

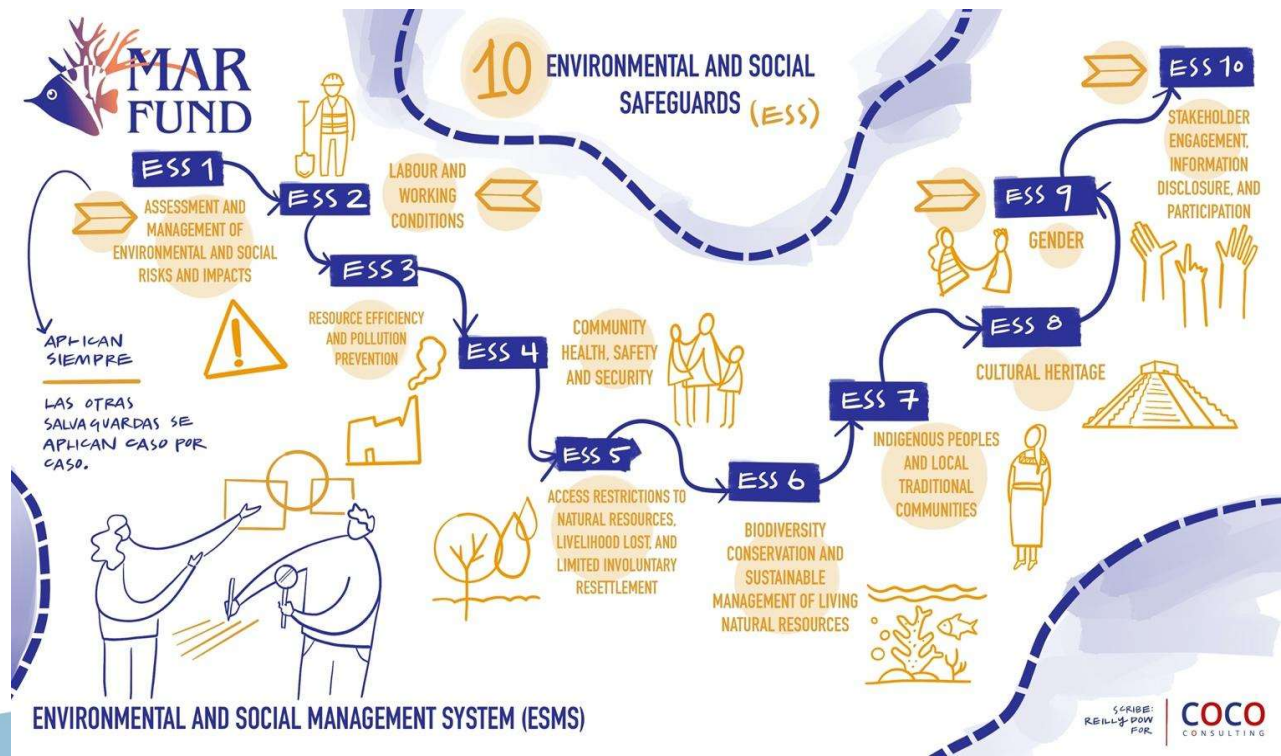
1. Local partner (e.g., Response Committee) notifies MAR Fund.
2. MAR Fund notifies Reef Rescue Initiative Committee. **At the same time**, the Response Committee prepares a proposal, budget, and DD requirements, and sends them to the MAR Fund.
3. MAR Fund reviews and discusses the proposal with the RRI's Committee for approval.
4. If there are no objections, a donation letter is processed.
5. MAR Fund and the non-governmental organization, appointed to administer the emergency funds, sign a donation letter.
6. MAR Fund delivers funding to the appointed non-governmental organization to administer the funds.

1. The Response Committee or local organization ensures that the funds are used to address the emergency.
2. The Committee and the organization receiving the funds prepare a technical and financial report and send it to MAR Fund.
3. MAR Fund sends reports to donors and insurer (in the case of the insurance payout)



Environmental Social Management System ESMS

The purpose of the ESMS is to ensure that grants and projects approved by MAR Fund and MAR Fund projects and activities have a considerable net benefit for the environment and communities of the MAR Region, and avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental and social risks and impacts.



ESMS Requirements

Complete and submit:

- Due Diligence
- Dive Insurance
- Permits to conduct the activities
- Signed release form
- Signed photo waiver release form
- Signed MAR Fund code of ethics.

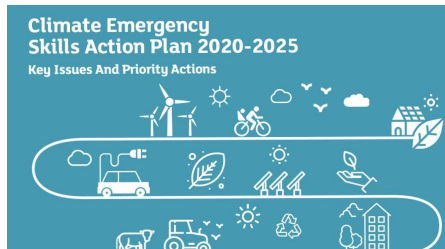
Read and comply:

- Emergency Response Plan
- Climate emergency response Plan
- Emergency Post Storm response Plan
- Gender statement
- Vessel transfer and deployment plan or comply with MAR Fund's protocol
- Fuel management protocol
- Disinfection protocol

ESMS Requirements

Comply:

- First Aid Kit
- Ensure diving tanks are in good conditions
- Grievance mechanism



Emergency Action Plan

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Diving Emergency Preparedness

Dive site
Name _____ Location _____
Dive Operator _____

First Aid Equipment at dive site/boat
Name of qualified, on-site first aid provider _____

Oxygen
Type of oxygen delivery _____
Available quantity _____
Location/storage _____

First Aid Kit
☐ Available ☐ Not Available
Type _____
Location/storage _____

AED
☐ Available ☐ Not Available
Location/storage _____

Local Information
(Include directions to dive site that can be provided to EMS)

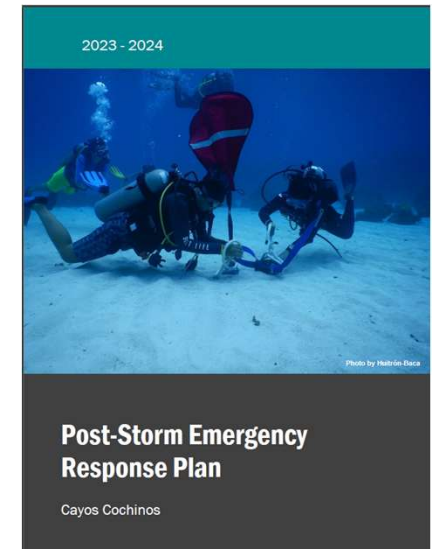
Nearest emergency department
(Include distance, name, address and phone number)

Alternative medical facility
(Include distance, name, address and phone number)

Local law enforcement (other than 911)
Name _____ Phone number _____

Local transportation (taxi service, etc.)
Name _____ Phone number _____

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