

# REEF RESCUE & RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE



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In an on-going effort to support marine conservation across the scuba diving community, the Sea of Change Foundation has launched a new fund to help support divers' immediate response to coral reef damage from:

- Anchor Drops
- Vessel Groundings
- Oil Spills
- Local, anthropogenic and acute impacts to coral reefs.

## WHY?

The Sea of Change Foundation team first envisioned the Reef Rescue & Rapid Response Fund during the 2016 implementation of the Foundation's Cayman Islands Coral Nurseries project with feedback from multiple local dive operators and partners. Then on March 4, 2017, the 4,290-tonne Caledonian Sky cruise ship grounded on a treasured dive site in Raja Ampat, Indonesia and damaged or destroyed approximately 1,600 square meters of some of the most biodiverse and pristine coral reef habitat in the world. This event solidified the resolve of the Foundation to create a fund dedicated to helping enable a timely response to such incidents.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND COVER?

The fund provides for mini-grants that range from \$500 to a maximum of \$5000 for divers, and their communities to respond quickly to reef damaging incidents by helping to cover immediate costs. For example:

- boat fuel
- staff time
- video cameras
- lift bags
- transect tapes
- handheld GPS units



## HOW CAN DIVERS HELP?

Responses may include:

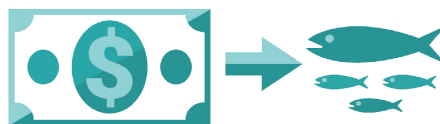
- damage assessments and documentation for future litigation and restoration
- collection and initial care of coral fragments for regrowth
- up-righting of larger corals that may recover in situ.

## APPLICATION:

A short-form, one-page application is required that describes the date and cause of the incident and the planned response. Applicants need only send an initial email inquiry to [info@seaofchange.com](mailto:info@seaofchange.com).



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