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It is the 6th year that Governor and our State of Washington has denied a heritage grant fund within the States' Budget. The Kalakala Alliance Foundation has never been granted a penny from the State. We also are seeing the truth of the Washington State Ferries financial failures being brought to the public for the first time in history. We uncovered \$2 billion dollars of losses over the past 20 years. But, their projected future is even worse than the past. They are cutting services and routes. They have lost \$55 million dollars worth of ferries last year by retiring the vessels too soon while suffering through building new ferries to replace them during our current economic recession. We found all their financial losses during a 2005 to 2006 public records request period. And, now, after the Governor claimed an emergency for the 4 steel electrics and legislative approvals to proceed with spending over \$200 million for only 3 new replacement ferries they are screaming that the public was told about their financial hardships and operation failures of the past. It seems that our Kalakala patience of survival has potentially outlasted the fate of the Washington State Ferry System!"

We look forward to the WSF next demise. Dissolution and return to a private managed system with the full support from the State to sustain a viable and perpetual future together!!!????

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:)

Steve Rodrigues
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