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"Flying bird" 1935 MV KALAKALA

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1935 MV KALAKALA

On May 22, 2009 at 8:59PM the Kalakala Alliance Foundation submitted a \$700,000 federal cash grant application into the United States Department of Interior's National Parks Service for a 2009 "Save America's Treasures" grant. With "Hope" that MV Kalakala, not be physically lost, and helped to save her. And, the fund can provide sufficient future funds that will assure the 1935 MV KALAKALA "Flying Bird" can once again serve a community and millions of visitors in the future.

The foundation's future short and long term plans have been finalized for the MV KALAKALA and we are nearly ready to get started. If the foundation is successful with this grant work gets started early spring of 2010. She will be towed to a dry dock, and major work on her hull, superstructure, and Busch-Sulzer engines will be started.

The Foundation can leverage the grant funds, and can complete dry dock planned work activities scheduled in three stages I & II to cost \$3.9, and III not to cost ~\$10 million. A tax-exempt "qualified bank loan" and possible rural loan will be used for stage III and beyond work activities for the Kalakala and her new home port.

The 2009 & 2010 American Recovery and Re-Investment Act fund is available for this project. And, other federal guaranteed loan programs can be applied for completing 100% of the preservation work as necessary to return her to her 1935 "World's First Streamlined Art Deco ferry". We also have plans to reuse and restore at least one of the retired Steel Electric Class ferries for our future project.

You can visit our website and obtain all our entire 2009 "Save America's Treasures" grant application documents by going to our "SAT2009_100000876_MV KALAKALA link. We must wait until the end of year 2009 for any federal review decisions and notification regarding any possible award funding from the National Parks Service "Save America's Treasures" grant committee. We hope that our nation, for the first time in the Kalakala's history, will see her national significance and help to "give forward", so that we can be saved and contribute again to our nation, state, and citizens from around the world in some way other than just a retired ferry.