

Grant to take alley from blah to inspired

Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District is the recipient of an $8,000 grant from the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance, in partnership with New Mexico MainStreet and the McCune Charitable Foundation in support of a project being developed with gallupARTS to bring art to one block of alleyway in downtown Gallup. The block is located between First Street and Second Street, and Coal Aveue and Aztec Avenue.

The project will result in the creation of one large mural and several art activations that engage the community and bring vibrancy to this underutilized public space over the course of three months, beginning in September and culminating in a public celebration Nov. 30. The artists will be selected through an open call and review process.

“We are honored to receive these funds to invest in downtown infrastructure, collaborate with business and property owners, and to celebrate Gallup’s rich creative economy - all while engaging the public in the process,” Kara Smith, executive director of Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District said.

Rose Eason, executive director of gallupARTS added, “We are excited to partner with the Gallup MainStreet Arts and Cultural District to continue to leverage Gallup’s greatest natural resource, creativity, for the purposes of downtown revitalization, economic development, and

improved quality of life. We are also excited to work with one of our community's many talented artists to develop an imaginative and innovative mural to add to downtown Gallup's impressive collection."

If you are an artist interested in learning more about participation, contact: executivedirector@galluparts.org

.