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The city of Gallup is conjunctively working with the Business Improvement District, gallupArts and the MainStreet Arts and Cultural District to sponsor an opportunity for high school age artists and up to paint concrete trash cans and planters in an effort to spruce up downtown, Gallup officials said in a news release.

Carol Sarath, secretary at gallupArts, said interested artists are invited to submit examples (not originals) of their work with their name, address, email and telephone number and a letter of interest by Feb. 29.

The items may be submitted to ART123 at 123 W. Coal Ave. on Monday or Wednesday from 1 to 4 pm, or Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Also, the items may be submitted to the front desk at the Octavia Fellin Public Library, 115 W. Hill Ave., or the Children's Branch at Second Street and Aztec Avenue.

Sarath said there are 47 trash cans, 18 large planters and 28 small planters to be painted. She said each artist will be paid \$150 per painted receptacle. After all the containers have been painted and placed back on the sidewalks, the community will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites.

Winners of the community favorites will be awarded \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second

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place, and \$500 for third place, Sarath said.