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Gallup, NM — Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District is thrilled to be the recipient of an \$8,000.00 grant from the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance (NMRA), 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 1st and 2nd Streets and Coal and Aztec streets.

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 2019 and culminating in a public celebration on November 30, 2019. 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," says Kara Q. Smith, Executive Director of Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District.

Says Rose Eason, Executive Director of GallupARTS, "We are excited to partner with the Gallup MainStreet Arts & 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."

To stay up to date on the process, subscribe to GallupARTS newsletter, contact Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District or follow the organizations on Facebook. If you are an artist interested in learning more about participation, contact: executivedirector@galluparts.org.

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