



2026

ENVIRONMENTAL *Awareness* MONTH



COMMUNITY *Art Mural* CONTEST



CALLING ALL ARTISTS ON SAIPAN!
BECQ's Division of Environmental Quality invites local artists to participate in the 2026 EAM Community Art Mural Contest. Visit BECQ-DEQ's website to see full contest guidelines.

**SUBMIT ARTWORK BY
APRIL 30, 2026**

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH



Art Mural CONTEST GUIDELINES

THEME: TANO YAN LINA'LA INAFA'MAOLEK / FALÚW ME MALAW LLÓL EEW PILÚUGH

Land and Life in Harmony

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Division of Environmental Quality (BECQ-DEQ) invites artists to participate in the 2026 Environmental Awareness Month (EAM) Art Mural Competition. This year's theme highlights the interconnected relationship between our natural environment and the communities that depend on them.

Selected artists will have the opportunity to transform their artwork into a public mural displayed in a location designated by BECQ. One (1) winner will be selected on Saipan.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to individuals 15 years of age or older
- Participants under 18 years of age must have parental/guardian consent

THEME REQUIREMENTS

All artwork must clearly reflect the 2026 EAM theme. Artwork must visually represent:

- The balance between natural ecosystems and human activity
- Protection of land, air and water
- Environmental stewardship and sustainability
- Cultural values

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

ACCEPTABLE FORMATS

- Digital submissions (PNG or PDF format ONLY; high resolution minimum 300 dpi)
- Physical artwork (paper, canvas, or similar medium for mural adaptation)

REQUIREMENTS

- Artwork must be original and created solely by the submitting artist(s)
- AI-generated artwork will not be accepted
- Artwork must be suitable for public display (no offensive, political, or inappropriate content)
- Design must have a landscape orientation and should be adaptable to a large-scale outdoor mural format

SUBMISSION PROCESS

DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than **April 30, 2026, at 4:30 pm**. Late entries will not be entertained.

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SUBMISSION OPTIONS

- In-Person submissions must be submitted to the BECQ Office in Middle Road, Gualo Rai, during regular operating hours
- Artist's first and last name but be written on the back of their physical artwork
- Digital submissions can be emailed to colleen.flores@becq.gov.mp **AND** felisa.mendiola@becq.gov.mp with the subject line "EAM Art Mural Contest - [Artist Name]"
- All submissions must include a Registration Form and a Liability Waiver and Media Release Form

JUDGING CRITERIA

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel appointed by BECQ based on:

- Relevance to theme (30%)
- Creativity and originality (25%)
- Visual impact and composition (20%)
- Feasibility for large-scale mural adaptation (15%)
- Overall artistic quality (10%)

The decision of the judges will be final.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The winning entry will:

- Receive a cash prize [Note: The cash prize will be awarded in two installments: 50% upon announcement of the winner and the remaining 50% upon completion of the mural]
- Receive limited art supplies
- Be given the opportunity to paint their winning design at a public space designated by BECQ
- Be recognized through official BECQ-DEQ media platforms

MURAL INSTALLATION

- The winning artist must be available to complete the mural before BECQ's given timeframe
- BECQ will coordinate logistics and site approval
- Artist must comply with all safety requirements and site guidelines
- Minor modifications to the original artwork may be required to accommodate scale, safety, or location constrictions

RIGHTS AND USAGE

By submitting an entry, participants grant BECQ the right to:

- Reproduce and display submitted artwork for promotional, educational, and governmental purposes
- Feature artwork on social media, websites, and printed materials
- Adapt the artwork for mural production while maintaining artist integrity

Artists will retain authorship credit for their work.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

BECQ reserves the right to disqualify incomplete or non-compliant submissions. Submission of artwork constitutes full agreement with these guidelines.

For additional information, please contact

Colleen Flores at colleen.flores@becq.gov.mp, or Felisa Mediola at felisa.mendiola@becq.gov.mp, or call (670) 664-8500/01.



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Art Mural CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **APRIL 10, 2026 (4:30 PM)**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

AGE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARTWORK INFORMATION

TITLE OF ARTWORK: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ARTWORK (*Explain how your artwork reflects the theme*):

(Attach additional page if needed)

ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION

___ I certify that I am at least 15 years of age.

___ I certify that this artwork is my original creation and does not infringe on any copyright or intellectual property rights.

___ I understand that AI-generated artwork is not permitted.

___ I understand that if selected as a winner, I must be available to paint the mural at a public location designated by BECQ within the timeframe provided.

___ I grant BECQ-DEQ permission to reproduce, display and promote my artwork for official and educational purposes.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (For participants Under 18 Years Old)

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), grant permission for the above-named participant to enter the BECQ EAM Art Mural Competition. I acknowledge and agree to the competition guidelines and consent to the use of the participant's artwork and likeness for official promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

SIGNATURE

I have read and agree to all competition guidelines.

Participant Signature _____

Date: _____



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**LIABILITY WAIVER &
MEDIA RELEASE FORM**



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____ AGE: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

LIABILITY AND WAIVER RELEASE

I acknowledge that my participation in the 2026 Environmental Awareness Month (EAM) Community Art Mural Contest is voluntary. I understand that participation may involve activities such as large-scale painting in a public area, handling art supplies, using basic tools, and working outdoors. In consideration for being permitted to participate in this event, I hereby release, waive, and discharge the Bureau of Environmental Quality - Division of Environmental Quality (BECQ-DEQ), the CNMI Government, event partners, volunteers, and representatives from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained while participating in the contest. I agree to follow all safety instructions provided by the event organizers and to use materials and equipment responsibly. I also acknowledge that I am responsible for my own private property during the event.

PHOTO AND MEDIA RELEASE

I grant permission to BECQ-DEQ to photograph, record, or otherwise capture images of me and/or my artwork during the event. I understand that these images may be used for educational, promotional, and outreach purposes, including but not limited to social media, websites, reports, and other publications related to EAM.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand this liability waiver and media release and agree to its terms.

Participant Signature _____
Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (For participants Under 18 Years Old)

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have read and understand this waiver and contest to their participation in the Community Art Mural Contest. I agree to the terms of this liability waiver and press release on behalf of the minor participant.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____