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Funding Opportunity Number:	DFOP0010750	Posted Date:	Apr 09, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	Establishing Ukrainian eSports Counter Disinformation Teams and Tournament	Last Updated Date:	Apr 09, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	May 22, 2024
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	May 22, 2024
		Archive Date:	
		Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$ 250,000

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Award Ceiling: \$250,000

Award Floor: \$0

Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Leveraging the popularity and penetration of video games in Eastern Europe, the implementer will develop an eSports program at American Spaces in Ukraine. eSports athletes will need professional training to form a talent pipeline to professional teams in Ukraine. In tandem with traditional eSports training, these athletes will receive counter disinformation/conflict resolution training to confront foreign propaganda and disinformation in competitive online gaming spaces. The project will culminate with an eSports tournament and

coalition-building
event on the sidelines
of the tournament.

**Expected
Number of
Awards:** 1

**CFDA
Number(s):** 19.040 -- Public
Diplomacy Programs

**Cost Sharing
or Matching
Requirement:** No

Eligibility

**Eligible
Applicants:** Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

**Additional
Information
on
Eligibility:** The GEC may make awards through this solicitation to U.S. and foreign non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and commercial entities. Individuals, state and local governments, foreign public entities, and public international organizations are not eligible to apply. Before submitting, potential applicants should ensure that they are eligible to receive a grant or cooperative agreement and prepared to adhere to the terms of 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 600.

Additional Information

**Agency
Name:** Bureau of Global Public Affairs

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