

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement announced the availability of funding for the Magnet Schools Assistance program (*Catalog for Federal Domestic Assistance number: 84.165A*)

. The purpose of this program is to support magnet schools under an approved desegregation plan—either a required plan or voluntary plan—that is adequate under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin. By supporting the development and implementation of magnet schools that reduce, eliminate or prevent minority group isolation, these program resources can be used in pursuit of the objectives of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), which supports State and local efforts to enable all elementary and secondary school students to achieve high standards and which holds schools, local education agencies and states accountable for ensuring that their students do so.

***The application deadline is March 1, 2013***

. Eligible applicants include local education agencies

. To request an application package, visit

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

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