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Braiding and Leveraging Funding for Ed Tech

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Meet Your (New?) Friends at MDE!

Reading the Room

What's Your Role?

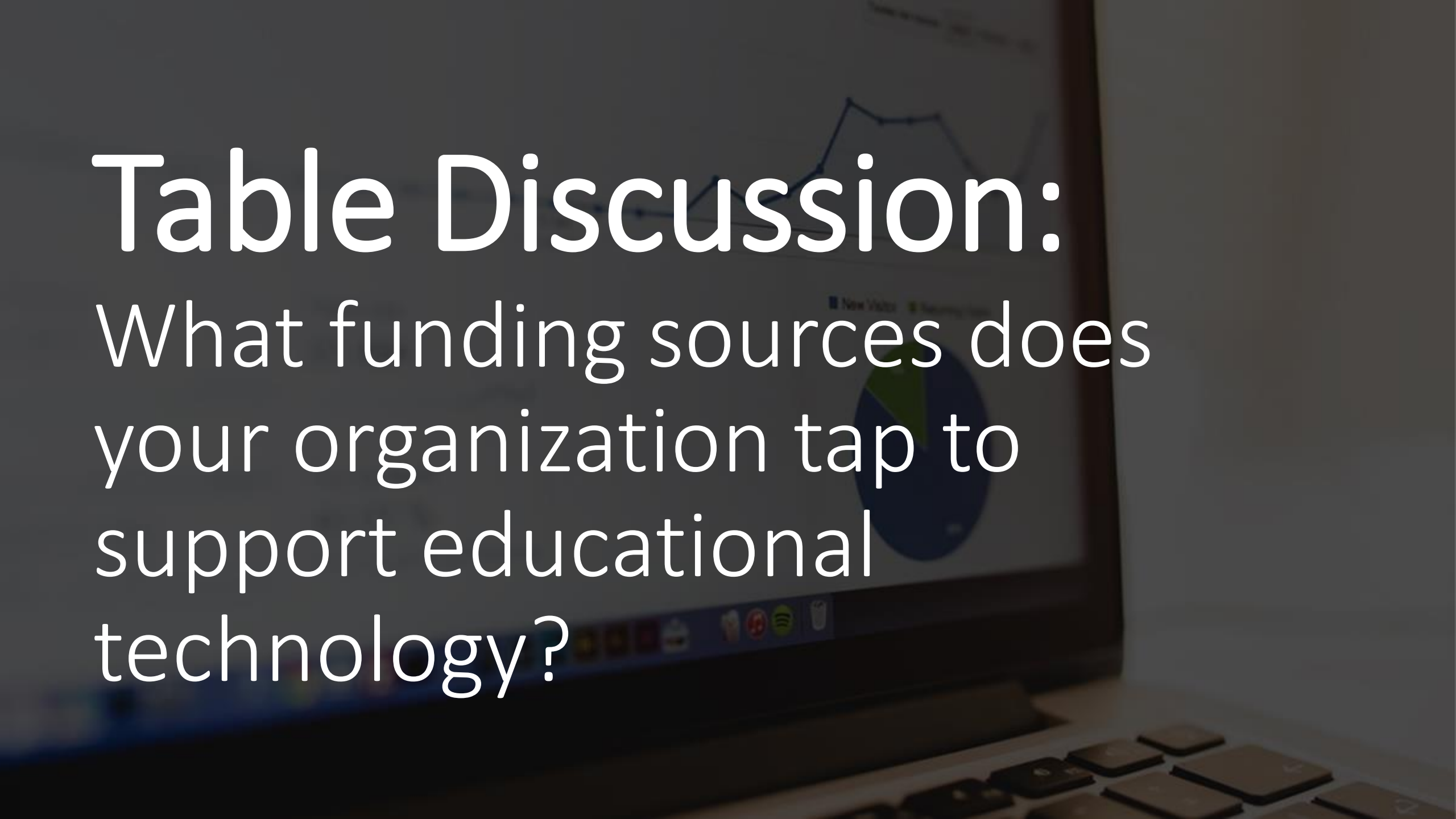

Table Discussion:

What funding sources does your organization tap to support educational technology?

Funding Sources

- **Federal Education Grants**
- **State Grants/Funds**
- **Local Funds**

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Funding Sources

Federal Education Grants

- Title, IDEA

Emergency Funding

- CARES
- ESSER
- GEER

FCC Authorized Funding

- E-Rate
- Emergency Connectivity Fund
- Affordable Connectivity Program

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Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP)

MICIP

"A pathway for districts to improve student outcomes by assessing whole child needs to develop plans and coordinate funds,"

Needs

Plans

Funds

MICIP Funding Questions

- What is the total cost of strategy implementation, not just for a year but over the life of strategy implementation?

- What funds can support the strategy – federal, state, and local funds?

- What community resources can be leveraged?

What is Braiding?

Using multiple funding sources (federal, state, local) to support an initiative (either whole or in part) while maintaining their specific identity and purpose.

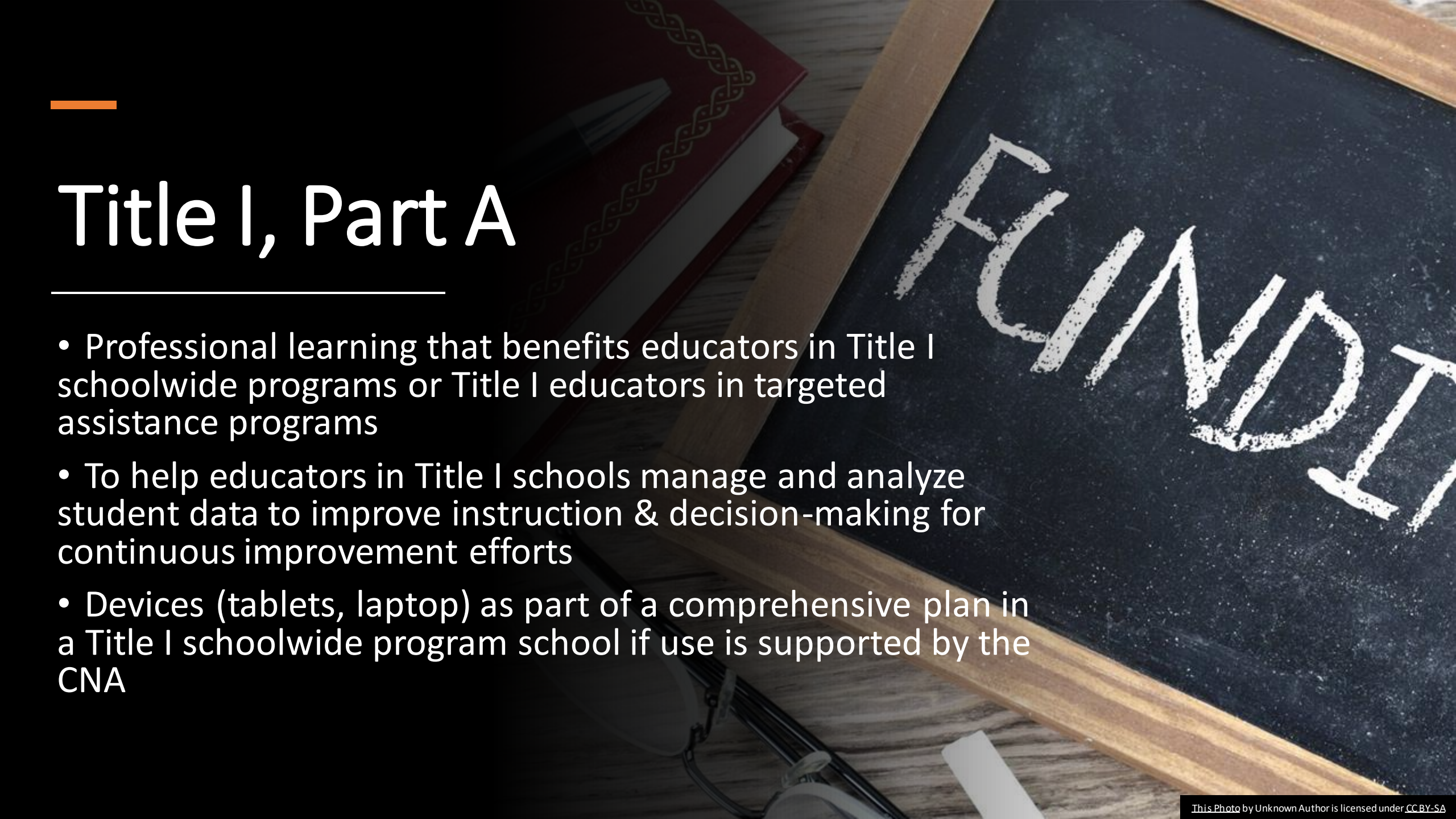
Braiding Defined

- Two + sources coordinated to support a single initiative or strategy
- Each funding source maintains its identity
- Cost-allocation methods ensure that there is no duplicate funding and funding source is charged its fair share across the partners
- Does NOT require statutory authority

Title Funding

Title I, Part A

- Professional learning that benefits educators in Title I schoolwide programs or Title I educators in targeted assistance programs
- To help educators in Title I schools manage and analyze student data to improve instruction & decision-making for continuous improvement efforts
- Devices (tablets, laptop) as part of a comprehensive plan in a Title I schoolwide program school if use is supported by the CNA



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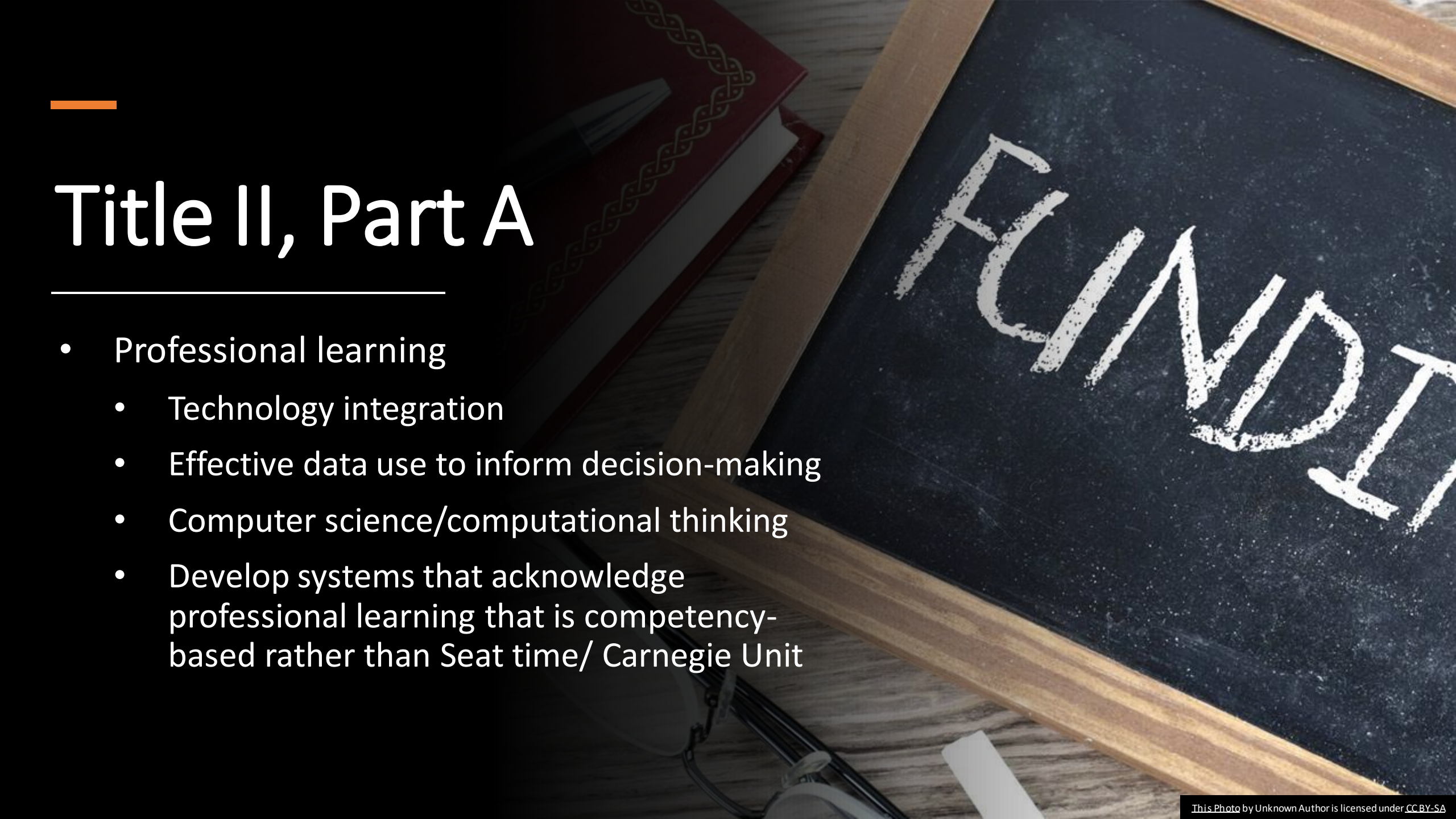
Title II, Part A

- Professional learning
  - Technology integration
  - Effective data use to inform decision-making
  - Computer science/computational thinking
  - Develop systems that acknowledge professional learning that is competency-based rather than Seat time/ Carnegie Unit



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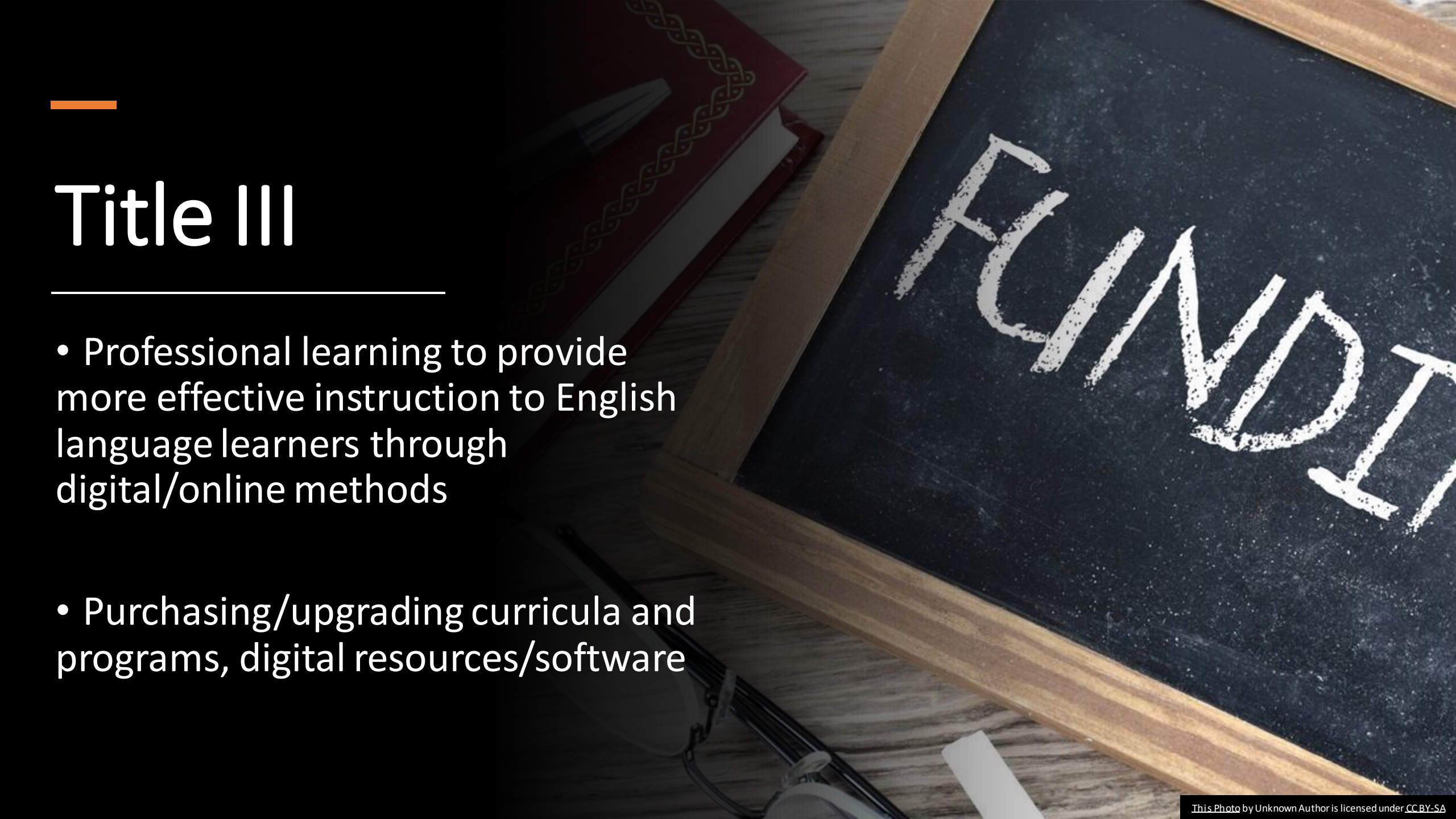
Title III

- Professional learning to provide more effective instruction to English language learners through digital/online methods

- Purchasing/upgrading curricula and programs, digital resources/software



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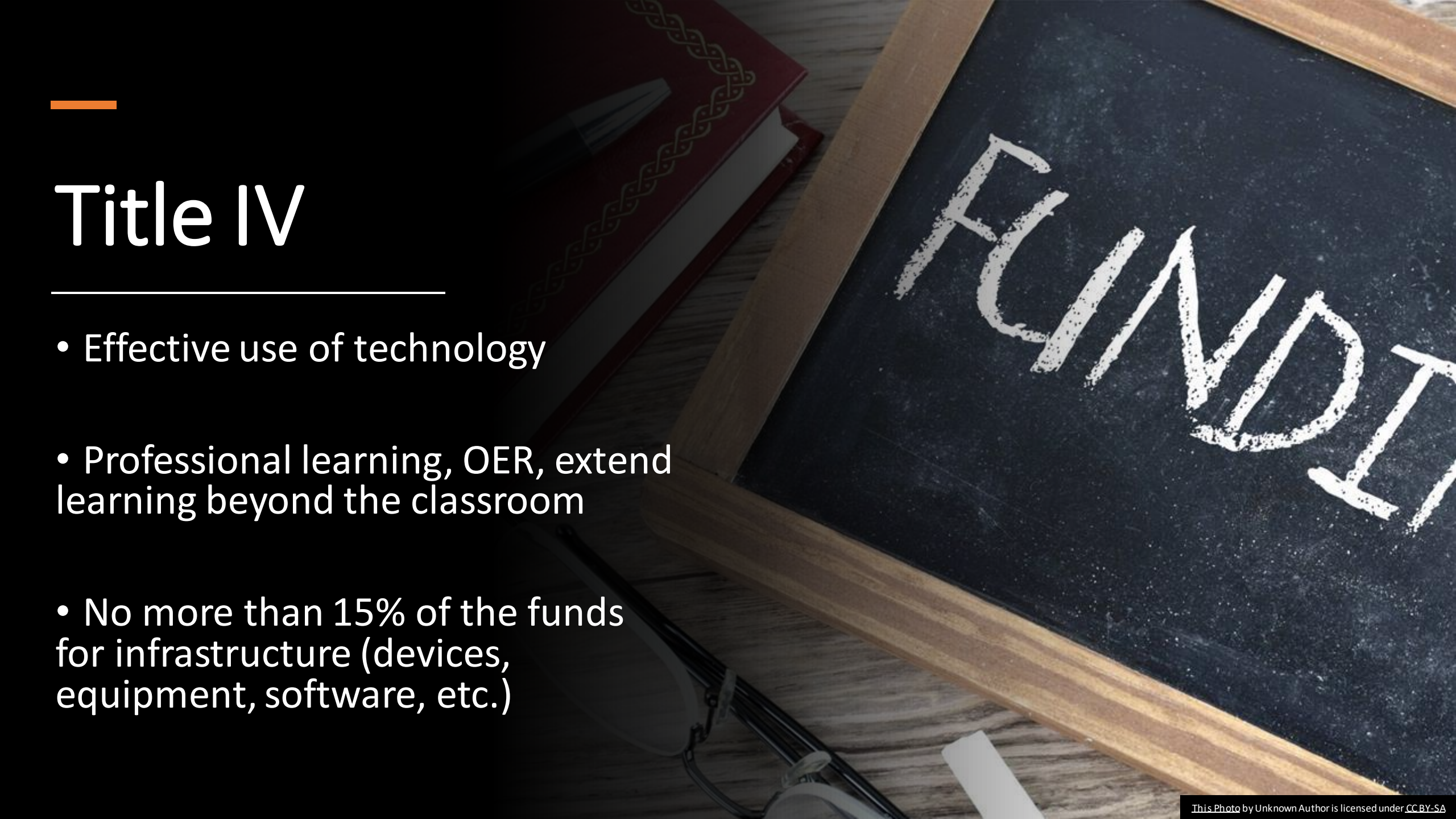
Title IV

- Effective use of technology
- Professional learning, OER, extend learning beyond the classroom
- No more than 15% of the funds for infrastructure (devices, equipment, software, etc.)



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Emergency School Funding

	Federal ESSER Funds to Michigan	Minimum Allocation to LEAs from Michigan	The Amount for the SEA to Set-Aside	Plan for the Michigan SEA Set-Aside Funds
ESSER I	$389,796,984	$350,817,286	$38,979,698	Creation of an educational equity fund allocated to LEAs via subgrants
ESSER II	$1,656,308,286	$1,490,677,457	$165,630,829	K-8 summer programs, high school credit recovery programs, before- and after-school programs, benchmark assessments, and discretionary funds
ESSER III	$3,719,833,128	$3,347,849,815	$371,983,313	Michigan's Approved Plan

***Created using the National Conference of State Legislatures' ESSER Fund Tracker (NCSL, 2021)

Understanding the Acronyms

CARES Act

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CRRSA Act

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ARP Act

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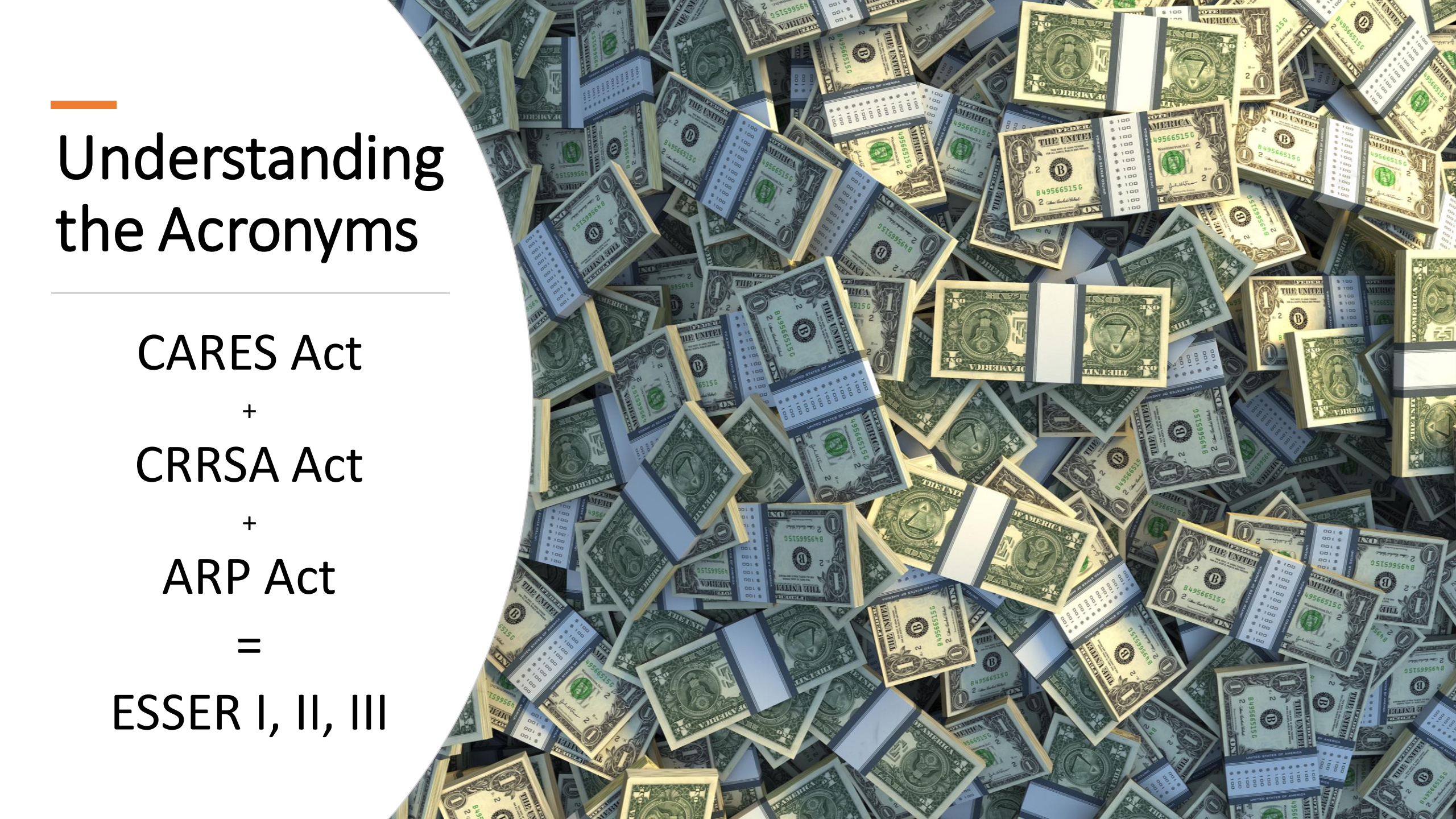
ESSER I, II, III



Federal Communications Commission Funding

FCC Connectivity and Device Funding

On-Campus Broadband Support

- E-Rate
  - “To and Through”
  - Discounts based upon…
    - Free/Reduced Lunch
    - Rural/Urban status

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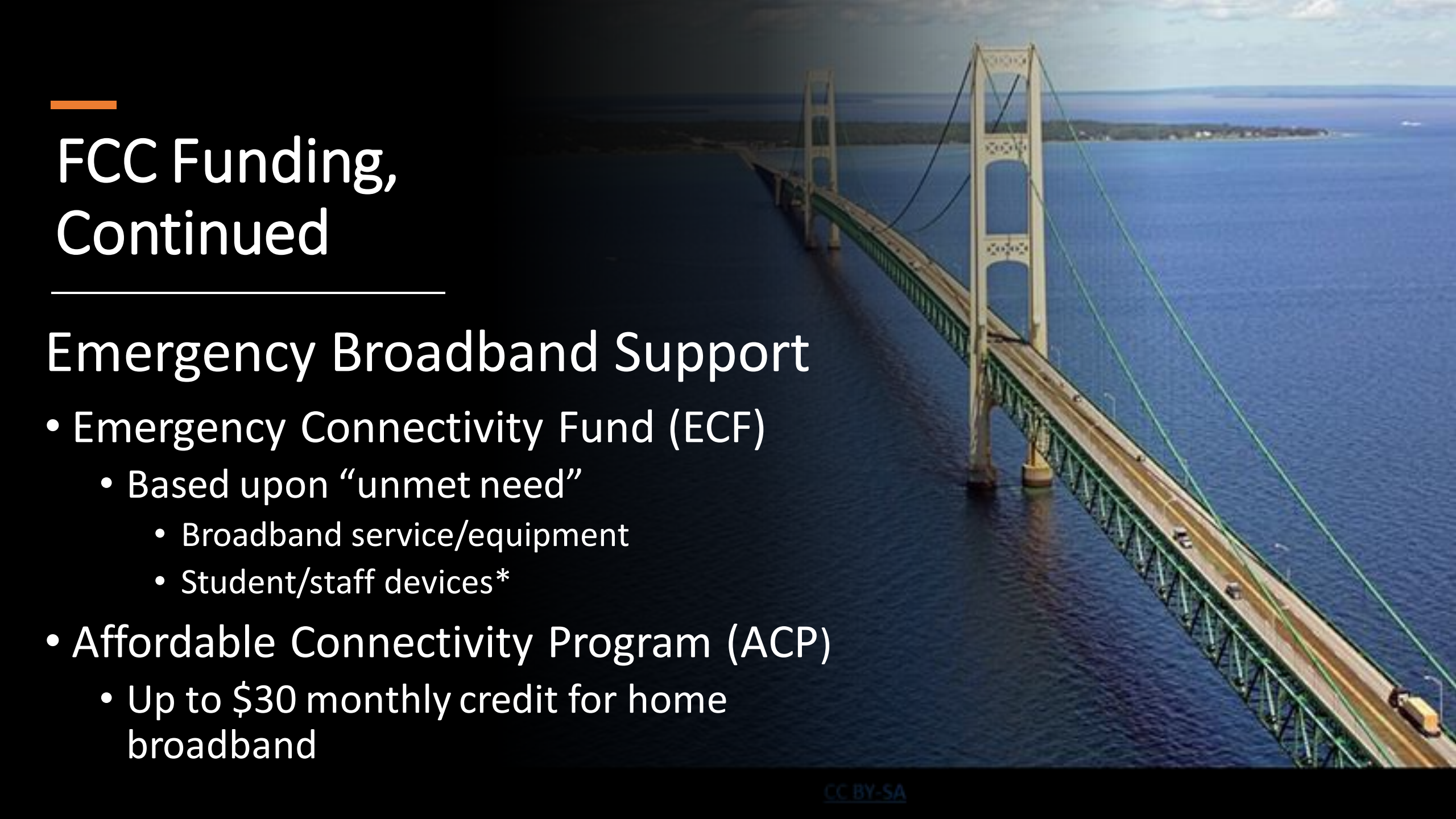
FCC Funding, Continued

Emergency Broadband Support

- Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)
  - Based upon “unmet need”
    - Broadband service/equipment
    - Student/staff devices*
- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
  - Up to $30 monthly credit for home broadband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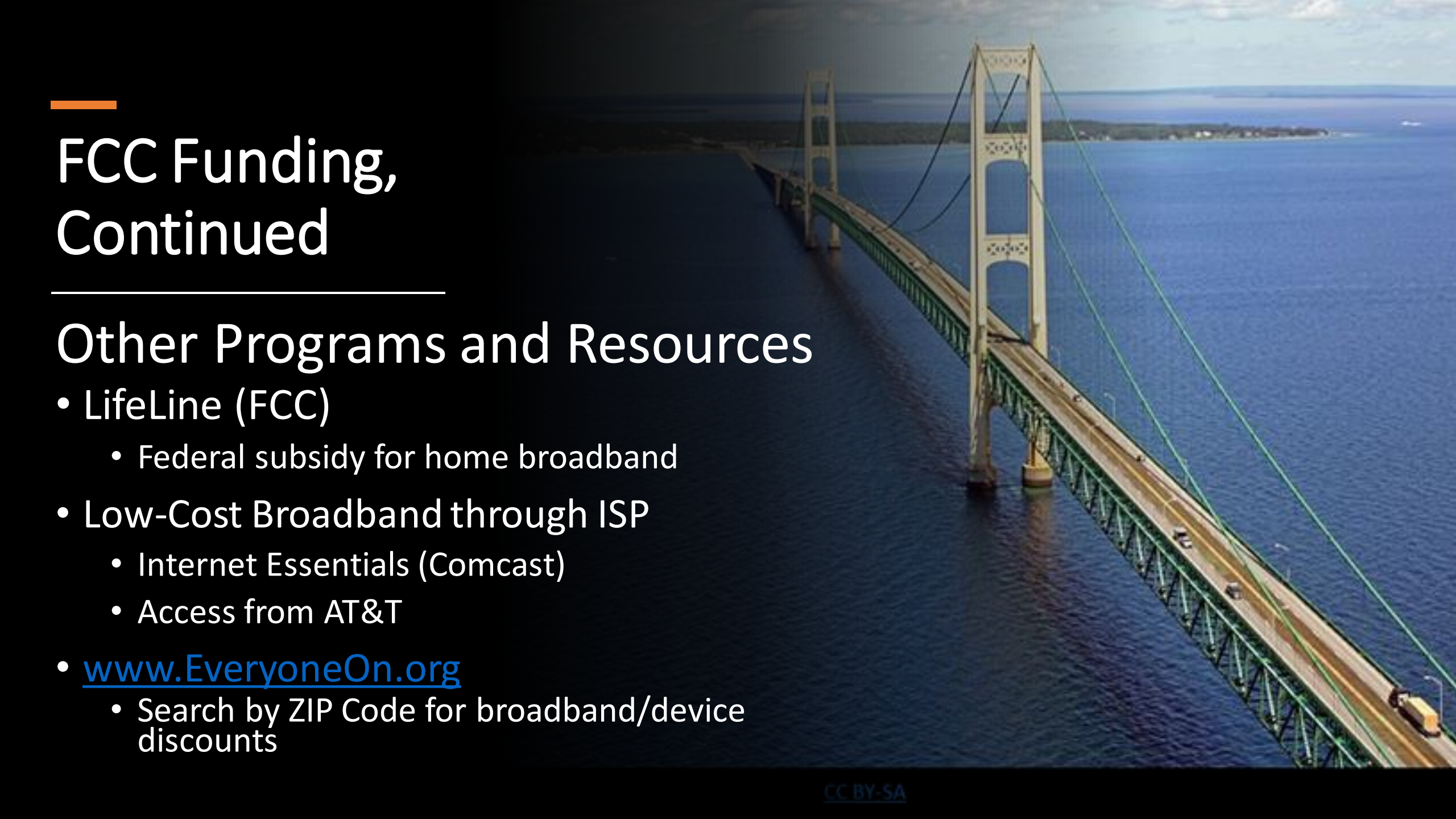
FCC Funding, Continued

Other Programs and Resources

- LifeLine (FCC)
  - Federal subsidy for home broadband
- Low-Cost Broadband through ISP
  - Internet Essentials (Comcast)
  - Access from AT&T
- www.EveryoneOn.org
  - Search by ZIP Code for broadband/device discounts



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Putting the Pieces Together

Braiding Funding- TO THE MURAL!

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