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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549

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# FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# LM Funding America, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 47-3844457 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\Box$ 

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.  $\Box$ 

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, anon-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company	X
	Emerging growth company	

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

# **Explanatory Note**

The registrant filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-258326) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 30, 2021, which was deemed effective on August 16, 2021 (the "Prior Registration Statement"). The Prior Registration Statement registered an indeterminate amount of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units with an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$150,000,000 (the "Offering"). As of the date of the filing of this registration statement, the total indeterminate amount of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units registered under the Prior Registration Statement with respect to the Offering remained unsold (the "Unsold Securities").

Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(5) under the Securities Act, the registrant intends to continue to offer and sell the Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement until the earlier of (i) the date on which this registration statement is declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and (ii) February 12, 2025, which is 180 days after the third-year anniversary of the effective date of the Prior Registration Statement (the "Expiration Date"). Until the Expiration Date, the registrant may continue to use the Prior Registration Statement and related prospectus supplements for its offerings thereunder.

Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6), on or before the Expiration Date, the registrant may file apre-effective amendment to this Registration Statement to update the amount of Unsold Securities previously registered by the Prior Registration Statement being registered hereby, and continue to offer and sell such Unsold Securities under this Registration Statement. If applicable, such pre-effective amendment shall identify such Unsold Securities to be included in this Registration Statement, and the amount of any new securities to be registered on this Registration Statement.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED AUGUST 13, 2024

PROSPECTUS

# LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

\$150,000,000 Common Stock Preferred Stock Warrants Units

We may offer and sell up to \$150,000,000 in the aggregate of the securities identified above from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities.

Each time securities are sold using this prospectus, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus and possibly other offering materials containing specific information about the offering and the terms of the securities being sold, including the offering price. The supplement or other offering materials may also add, update or change information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any other offering materials and the information incorporated by reference carefully before you invest.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to investors, on a continued or a delayed basis. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "LMFA." On August 9, 2024, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$3.37 per share.

The aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3 was approximately \$12,665,573, which was calculated based on 2,245,669 shares of common stock outstanding as of August 13, 2024 held by non-affiliates and a price of \$5.64 per share, which was the closing price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market on June 17, 2024. Pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3, in no event will we sell securities in a public primary offering with a value exceeding more than one-third of our public float in any 12-month period so long as our public float remains below \$75,000,000. We have not sold any securities pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3 during the 12 calendar months prior to and including the date of this prospectus supplement.

Investment in our securities involves risks, including those described in the section titled "<u>Risk Factors</u>" on page 5 of this prospectus. Please read carefully and consider these risk factors, as well as those included in the reports we file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), such as our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, and those included in any applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2024.

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# ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "we," "us," "our," "our company," "the Company," "LMFA" or "LM Funding" refer to LM Funding America, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, sell the securities or combinations of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to an aggregate dollar amount of \$150,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of those securities we may offer.

As permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, this prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For additional information regarding us and the offered securities, please refer to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Each time we offer securities using this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement and/or other offering material that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities offered. The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. "Incorporate by reference" means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. This information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. Any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material may also add, update or change information in the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

You should only rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement and in any other offering material. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information in connection with this offering. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

We are not making offers to sell or soliciting offers to buy, nor will we make an offer to sell or solicit an offer to buy, securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted for such person to make such an offering or solicitation.

You should read the entire prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, before making an investment decision. Neither the delivery of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances imply that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein or in any prospectus supplement is correct as of any date subsequent to the date hereof or of such prospectus supplement, as applicable. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any supplement to this prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, and the information we file or previously filed with the SEC that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, is accurate only as of its respective date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or any other offering material, and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or any other offering material, contain forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or any other offering material, included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or any other offering material, including, without limitation, estimates, projections, outlook, guidance, statements relating to our business plans, strategy, objectives, expected operating results and future financial position, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "believe," "project," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "forecast," "outlook," "intend," "strategy," "plan," "may," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology generally intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any future results, performances, or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks include, but are not limited to, those listed below and those discussed in greater detail under the heading "Risk Factors" below:

- our ability to retain the listing of our securities on the Nasdaq Capital Market,
- the early stage of our cryptocurrency mining business and our lack of operating history in such business,
- volatility surrounding the value of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies,
- the uncertainty surrounding the cryptocurrency mining business in general,
- bankruptcy or financial problems of our hosting vendors in our mining business,
- reliance to date on a single model of Bitcoin miner,
- · our ability to obtain funds to purchase mining machines and to grow our cryptocurrency mining business,
- the ability to scale our mining business,
- our ability to obtain funds to purchase receivables,
- · our ability to purchase defaulted consumer receivables at appropriate prices,
- competition to acquire such receivables,
- our dependence upon third party law firms to service our accounts,
- our ability to manage growth or declines in the business,
- changes in government regulations that affect our ability to collect sufficient amounts on our defaulted consumer Association receivables,
- · the impact of class action suits and other litigation on our business or operations,
- our ability to keep our software systems updated to operate our business,
- our ability to employ and retain qualified employees,
- our ability to establish and maintain internal accounting controls,
- changes in the credit or capital markets,
- · changes in interest rates,
- deterioration in economic conditions,
- negative press regarding the debt collection industry which may have a negative impact on a debtor's willingness to pay the debt we acquire, and
- other factors that may affect us, most of which are beyond our control.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this prospectus is based only on information currently available to us and speaks only as of the date on which it is made. We assume no obligation, and disclaim any duty, to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, and whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by law.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus summarizes certain information about our company. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To understand this offering fully, you should read carefully the entire prospectus and the other information incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

#### **Our Business**

LM Funding America, Inc. ("we", "our", "LMFA", or the "Company") currently has two lines of business: our cryptocurrency mining business and our specialty finance business.

On September 15, 2021, we announced our plan to operate in the Bitcoin mining ecosystem, and we subsequently commenced Bitcoin mining operations in late September 2022. This business operation deploys our computing power to mine Bitcoin and validate transactions on the Bitcoin network. We conduct this business through a wholly owned subsidiary, US Digital Mining and Hosting Co, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("US Digital"), which we formed in 2021 to develop and operate our cryptocurrency mining business.

With respect to our specialty finance business, the Company has historically engaged in the business of providing funding to nonprofit community associations primarily located in the state of Florida. We offer incorporated nonprofit community associations, which we refer to as "Associations," a variety of financial product scustomized to each Association's financial needs. Our original product offering consists of providing funding to Associations by purchasing their rights under delinquent accounts that are selected by the Associations arising from unpaid Association assessments. Historically, we provided funding against such delinquent accounts, which we refer to as "Accounts," in exchange for a portion of the proceeds collected by the Associations from the account debtors on the Accounts. In addition to our original product offering, we also purchase Accounts on varying terms tailored to suit each Association's financial needs, including under our New Neighbor Guaranty<sup>™</sup> program.

# **Cryptocurrency Mining Business**

Bitcoin was introduced in 2008 with the goal of serving as a digital means of exchanging and storing value. Bitcoin is a form of digital currency that depends upon a consensus-based network and a public ledger called a "blockchain", which contains a record of every Bitcoin transaction ever processed. The Bitcoin network is the first decentralized peer-to-peer payment network, powered by users participating in the consensus protocol, with no central authority or middlemen, that has wide network participation. The authenticity of each Bitcoin transaction is protected through digital signatures that correspond with addresses of users that send and receive Bitcoin. Users have full control over remitting Bitcoin from their own sending addresses. All transactions on the Bitcoin blockchain are transparent, allowing those running the appropriate software to confirm the validity of each transaction. To be recorded on the blockchain, each Bitcoin is validated through a proof-of-work consensus method, which entails solving complex mathematical problems to validate transactions and post them on the blockchain. This process is called mining. Miners are rewarded with Bitcoins, both in the form of newly-created Bitcoins and fees in Bitcoin, for successfully solving the mathematical problems and providing computing power to the network.

Factors such as access to computer processing capacity, interconnectivity, electricity cost, environmental factors (such as cooling capacity) and location play important roles in mining. In Bitcoin mining, "hashrate" is a measure of the computing and processing power and speed by which a mining computer mines and processes transactions on the Bitcoin network. A company's computing power measured in hashrate is generally considered to be one of the most important metrics for evaluating Bitcoin mining companies.

We obtain Bitcoin as a result of our mining operations, and we sell Bitcoin from time to time to support our operations and strategic growth. We plan to convert our Bitcoin to U.S. dollars. We do not currently plan to engage in regular trading of bitcoin (other than as necessary to convert our bitcoin into U.S. dollars) or to engage in hedging activities related to our holding of bitcoin; however, our decisions to hold or sell bitcoin at any given time may be impacted by the bitcoin market, which has been historically characterized by significant volatility. Currently, we do not use a formula or specific methodology to determine whether or when we will sell Bitcoin that we hold, or the number of Bitcoins we will sell. Rather, decisions to hold or sell Bitcoins are currently determined by management by monitoring the market in real time.

#### **Specialty Finance Company**

In our specialty finance business, we purchase an Association's right to receive a portion of the Association's collected proceeds from owners that are not paying their assessments. After taking assignment of an Association's right to receive a portion of the Association's proceeds from the collection of delinquent assessments, we engage law firms to perform collection work on a deferred billing basis wherein the law firms receive payment upon collection from the account debtors or a predetermined contracted amount if payment from account debtors is less than legal fees and costs owed. Under this business model, we typically fund an amount equal to or less than the statutory minimum an Association could recover on a delinquent account for each Account, which we refer to as the "Super Lien Amount". Upon collection of an Account, the law firm vorking on the Account, on behalf of the Association retaining the balance of the collection. In connection with this line of business, we have developed proprietary software for servicing Accounts, which we believe enables law firms to service Accounts efficiently and profitably.

Under our New Neighbor Guaranty program, an Association will generally assign substantially all of its outstanding indebtedness and accruals on its delinquent units to us in exchange for payment by us of monthly dues on each delinquent unit. This simultaneously eliminates a substantial portion of the Association's balance sheet bad debts and assists the Association to meet its budget by receiving guaranteed monthly payments on its delinquent units and relieving the Association from paying legal fees and costs to collect its bad debts. We believe that the combined features of the program enhance the value of the underlying real estate in an Association and the value of an Association's delinquent receivables.

Because we acquire and collect on the delinquent receivables of Associations, the Account debtors are third parties about whom we have little or no information. Therefore, we cannot predict when any given Account will be paid off or how much it will yield. In assessing the risk of purchasing Accounts, we review the property values of the underlying units, the governing documents of the relevant Association, and the total number of delinquent receivables held by the Association.

## **Corporate and other Information**

LM Funding America, Inc. was organized as a Delaware corporation on April 20, 2015. LMFA was formed for the purpose of completing a public offering and related transactions in order to carry on the business of LM Funding, LLC and its subsidiaries. LMFA is the sole member of LM Funding, LLC and operates and controls all of its business and affairs. LM Funding, LLC a Florida limited liability company organized in January 2008 under the terms of an Operating Agreement dated effective January 8, 2008 as amended, had two members: BRR Holding, LLC and CGR 63, LLC. The members contributed their equity interest to LMFA prior to the closing of its initial public offering.

We organized two new subsidiaries in 2020: LMFA Financing LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on November 21, 2020, and LMFAO Sponsor LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on October 29, 2020. LMFAO Sponsor, LLC organized a subsidiary, LMF Acquisition Opportunities Inc., on October 29, 2020. We also organized a subsidiary, US Digital Mining and Hosting Co., LLC ("U.S. Digital"), on September 10, 2021. US Digital has created various 100% owned subsidiaries to engage in business in various states. The Company also from time to time organizes other subsidiaries to serve a specific purpose or hold a specific asset.

Our principal offices are located at 1200 Platt Street, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33606, and our telephone number is (813)222-8996. Our website address is <a href="https://www.lmfunding.com">https://www.lmfunding.com</a>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and such information should not be considered to be part of this prospectus.

# **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves significant risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks and other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. In particular, you should consider the risk factors under the heading "Risk Factors" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as may be revised or supplemented by our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, each of which are on file with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference, and which may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the SEC in the future. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations. Additional risk factors may be included in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering of securities.

If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be adversely affected. You could lose all or part of your investment. When we offer and sell any securities pursuant to a prospectus supplement, we may include additional risk factors relevant to that offering in the prospectus supplement.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Under this prospectus, we may offer and sell from time to time securities in one or more offerings in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of the offering. Each time securities are sold using this prospectus, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus and possibly other offering materials containing specific information about the offering and the terms of the securities being sold, including the offering price. We will describe the use of the net proceeds from sales of the securities made using a prospectus supplement in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

#### General

The following description summarizes certain important terms of our capital stock. Because it is a summary, it may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a complete description of the matters set forth in this section, entitled "Description of Capital Stock," you should refer to our certificate of incorporation, as amended (the "certificate of incorporation"), and our bylaws (the "bylaws"), and to the applicable provisions of Delaware law. We are authorized under our certificate of incorporation to issue up to 350,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 150,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, all of which are undesignated as to series.

As of August 13, 2024, we had 2,528,857 shares of common stock issued and outstanding and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. We will disclose in an applicable prospectus supplement the number of shares of common stock and preferred stock then outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

#### Voting Rights

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by shareholders. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Generally, all matters to be voted on by stockholders must be approved by a majority (or, in the case of election of directors, by a plurality) of the votes entitled to be cast by all holders of common stock present in person or represented by proxy, voting together as a single class.

#### No Preemptive or Similar Rights

No shares of common stock will be subject to redemption or have preemptive rights to purchase additional shares of common stock. Holders of shares of our common stock do not have subscription, redemption or conversion rights. There will be no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

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## **Dividend Rights**

The holders of such common stock are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividends.

#### Right to Receive Liquidation Distributions

Upon a liquidation of our company, our creditors and any holders of our preferred stock with preferential liquidation rights, will be paid before any distribution to holders of our common stock. The holders of our common stock would be entitled to receive a pro rata distribution per share of any excess amount. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock which we may designate and issue in the future.

#### Preferred Stock

Pursuant to our certificate of Incorporation, we are currently authorized to designate and issue up to 150,000,000, shares of preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share. Our Board of Directors has the authority, without further action by our stockholders, to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation, preferences, sinking fund terms, and the number of shares constituting any series.

If we offer preferred stock, we will file the terms of the preferred stock with the SEC and the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material relating to that offering will include a description of the specific terms of the offering, including any of the following applicable specific terms:

- · the series, the number of shares offered and the liquidation value of the preferred stock;
- the price at which the preferred stock will be issued;
- the dividend rate, the dates on which the dividends will be payable and other terms relating to the payment of dividends on the preferred stock;
- the liquidation preference of the preferred stock;
- the voting rights of the preferred stock;
- whether the preferred stock is redeemable or subject to a sinking fund, and the terms of any such redemption or sinking fund;
- · whether the preferred stock is convertible or exchangeable for any other securities, and the terms of any such conversion; and
- any additional rights, preferences, qualifications, limitations and restrictions of the preferred stock.

It is not possible to state the actual effect of the issuance of any shares of preferred stock upon the rights of holders of our common stock until our board of directors determines the specific rights of the holders of the preferred stock. However, these effects might include:

- restricting dividends on the common stock;
- diluting the voting power of the common stock;
- impairing the liquidation rights of the common stock; and
- delaying or preventing a change in control of our company.

The purpose of authorizing our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock and determine its rights and preferences is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions, future financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from seeking to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may adversely affect the holders of our common stock by restricting dividends on the common stock, diluting the voting power of the common stock or subordinating the liquidation rights of the common stock. As a result of these or other factors, the issuance of preferred stock could have an adverse impact on the market price of our common stock.

#### Warrants

As of August 1, 2024, the Company had outstanding warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,274,807 shares of common stock at an average exercise price of \$30.04 per share. Such outstanding warrants will expire as follows: 1,187,108 warrants on October 19, 2026, 36,316 warrants on April 18, 2025 and 51,383 warrants on August 17, 2025, and are subject to adjustment for stock splits, stock dividends, reverse stock splits, and the like. Such outstanding warrants also include a full-ratchet anti-dilution exercise price adjustment upon the issuance of any common stock, securities convertible into common stock or certain other issuances at a price below the then-existing exercise price of the warrants, with certain exceptions.

#### Anti-Takeover Provisions

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain certain provisions that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors and in the policies formulated by the board of directors. In addition, certain provisions of Delaware law may hinder or delay an attempted takeover of us other than through negotiation with our board of directors. These provisions, each described further below, could have the effect of discouraging certain attempts to acquire us or remove incumbent management even if some or a majority of our shareholders were to deem such an attempt to be in their best interest, including a takeover attempt in which the potential purchaser offers to pay a per share price greater than the current market price of our common or preferred stock.

In our certificate of incorporation, we elected not to be governed by Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, which regulates corporate takeovers. This section prevents certain Delaware corporations, under certain circumstances, from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder."

#### **Classified Board of Directors**

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that our board of directors shall be divided into three classes of directors, with the classes as nearly equal in number as possible. As a result, approximately one-third of our board of directors is elected each year. We believe that the classification of our board of directors facilitates the continuity and stability of our business strategies and policies. However, our classified board could have the effect of making the replacement of incumbent directors more time consuming and difficult. At least two annual meetings of shareholders, instead of one, will generally be required to effect a change in a majority of our board of directors.

#### Requirements for Advance Notification of Shareholder Proposals and Nomination of Directors

Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to shareholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of our board of directors or a committee of the board of directors. Our bylaws also specify the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions could make the proposal of business by our shareholders, including the nomination of directors to replace incumbent directors, more time consuming and difficult.

# **Board of Directors Size and Vacancies**

Under our bylaws, our board of directors has the power to set the size of the board. Additionally, any vacancy on our board of directors, including a vacancy resulting from an enlargement of the board of directors, may be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum. The ability to increase or decrease the size of the board of directors, and to fill any vacancies resulting from any such enlargement, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us.

# No Cumulative Voting

DGCL provides that stockholders are not entitled to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. The certificate of incorporation does not provide for cumulative voting.

#### Trading

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "LMFA."

# Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is is VStock Transfer, LLC, 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, NY 11598; telephone (212)/28-8436.

# **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

#### Warrants

We may issue warrants that entitled the holder to purchase preferred stock, common stock or other securities. Warrants may be issued independently or together with preferred stock, common stock, or other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material and may be attached to or separate from any such offered securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as will be set forth in the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material relating to the particular issue of warrants. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of warrants or beneficial owners of warrants.

The following summary of certain provisions of the warrants does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all provisions of the warrant agreements.

Reference is made to the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material relating to the particular issue of warrants offered pursuant to such prospectus supplement and/or other offering material for the terms of and information relating to such warrants, including, where applicable:

- the number of shares of common stock purchasable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase common stock and the price at which such number of shares of common stock may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the number of shares and series of preferred stock purchasable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase preferred stock and the price at which such number of shares of such series of preferred stock may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the designation and number of units of other securities purchasable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase other securities and the price at which such number of units of such other securities may be purchased upon such exercise;
- · the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to such warrants;
- the number of warrants outstanding as of the most recent practicable date; and
- any other terms of such warrants.

Warrants will be issued in registered form only. The exercise price for warrants will be subject to adjustment in accordance with provisions described in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material.

Each warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase such number of shares of preferred stock, common stock or other securities at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or calculable from, the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material relating to the warrants, which exercise price may be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events as set forth in such prospectus supplement and/or other offering material. After the close of business on the expiration date, or such later date to which such expiration date may be extended by us, unexercised warrants will become void. The place or places where, and the manner in which, warrants may be exercised shall be specified in the prospectus supplement and/or other offering material relating to such warrants.

Prior to the exercise of any warrants to purchase preferred stock, common stock or other securities, holders of such warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of preferred stock, common stock or other securities, as the case may be, purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive payments of dividends, if any, on the preferred stock, or common stock purchasable upon such exercise, or to exercise any applicable right to vote.

## **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

We may issue units consisting of any combination of the other types of securities offered under this prospectus in one or more series. We may evidence each series of units by unit certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We may enter into unit agreements with a unit agent. Each unit agent will be a bank or trust company that we select. We will indicate the name and address of the unit agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of units.

The following description, together with the additional information included in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the general features of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. You should read any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you related to the series of units being offered, as well as the complete unit agreements that contain the terms of the units. Specific unit agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and we will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from another report that we file with the SEC, the form of each unit agreement relating to units offered under this prospectus.

If we offer any units, certain terms of that series of units will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, including, without limitation, the following, as applicable:

- the title of the series of units;
- identification and description of the separate constituent securities comprising the units;
- the price or prices at which the units will be issued;
- the date, if any, on and after which the constituent securities comprising the units will be separately transferable;
- · a discussion of certain United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the units; and
- any other terms of the units and their constituent securities.

# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell securities in any one or more of the following ways from time to time: (1) through agents; (2) to or through underwriters; (3) through brokers or dealers; (4) directly to purchasers, including through a specific bidding, auction or other process; or (5) through a combination of any of these methods of sale. The applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering materials will contain the terms of the transaction, the name or names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents and the respective amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by them, the initial public offering price of the securities, and the applicable agent's commission, dealer's purchase price or underwriter's discount. Any dealers and/or agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and compensation received by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts.

Any initial offering price, dealer purchase price, discount or commission may be changed from time to time.

The securities may be distributed from time to time in one or more transactions, at negotiated prices, at a fixed price or fixed prices (that may be subject to change), at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at various prices determined at the time of sale or at prices related to prevailing market prices.

Offers to purchase securities may be solicited directly by us or by agents designated by us from time to time. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, of the securities so offered and sold.

If underwriters are utilized in the sale of any securities in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered, such securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at fixed public offering prices or at varying prices determined by the underwriters at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by one or more underwriters. If any underwriter or underwriters are utilized in the sale of securities, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, the obligations of the underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all such securities if they purchase any of them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will sell such securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale. Transactions through brokers or dealers may include block trades in which brokers or dealers will attempt to sell shares as agent but may position and resell as principal to facilitate the transaction or in cross trades, in which the same broker or dealer acts as agent on both sides of the trade. Any such dealer may be deemed to be an underwriter, as such term is defined in the Securities Act, of the securities so offered and sold.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under relevant agreements with us to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which such agents, underwriters and dealers may be required to make in respect thereof. The terms and conditions of any indemnification or contribution will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material.

We may enter into derivative, sale or forward sale transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material indicates, in connection with those transactions, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, including in short sale transactions and by issuing securities not covered by this prospectus but convertible into, exchangeable for or representing beneficial interests in securities covered by this prospectus, or the return of which is derived in whole or in part from the value of such securities. The third parties may use securities received under derivative, sale or forward sale transactions or securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock and may use securities received from us in settlement of those transactions to close out any related open borrowings of stock and may use securities ransactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment) and/or other offering material.

Underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from us. Underwriters, brokerdealers or agents may also receive compensation from the purchasers of shares for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both. Compensation as to a particular underwriter, broker-dealer or agent will be in amounts to be negotiated in connection with transactions involving shares and might be in excess of customary commissions. In effecting sales, broker-dealers engaged by us may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in the resales.

Any securities offered other than common stock will be a new issue and other than the common stock, which is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market, will have no established trading market. We may elect to list any series of securities on an exchange, and in the case of the common stock, on any additional exchange, but, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, we shall not be obligated to do so. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us and/or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

Any underwriter may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions, short covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time. An underwriter may carry out these transactions on The NASDAQ Capital Market, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

The place and time of delivery for securities will be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement and/or other offering material for such securities.

# LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Foley & Lardner LLP. The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for any underwriters or agents by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement. The opinions of Foley & Lardner LLP and counsel for any underwriters or agents may be conditioned upon and may be subject to assumptions regarding future action required to be taken by us and any underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the issuance of any securities. The opinions of Foley & Lardner LLP and counsel for any underwriters or agents may be subject to other conditions and assumptions, as indicated in the prospectus supplement.

# EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of our company incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of MaloneBailey, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We also filed a registration statement on FormS-3, including exhibits, under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement, but does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement or the exhibits. The SEC maintains a web site, *www.sec.gov*, that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. You may review the registration statement and any other document we file on the SEC's web site. Our SEC filings are also available to the public on our website, <u>https://www.lmfunding.com</u>. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

We are "incorporating by reference" specified documents that we file with the SEC, which means:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and before the end of the offering of the securities pursuant to this prospectus:

- our Annual <u>Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (as filed on April 1, 2024</u>), as amended by <u>Amendment No. 1 (as filed on April 29, 2024</u>);
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 (as filed on May 15, 2024) and for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 (as filed on August 13, 2024);
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on <u>March 8, 2024, March 27, 2024, April 29, 2024, June 12, 2024, July 16, 2024</u> (Item 5.02 only), and <u>August 12, 2024</u> (Items 1.01, 2.01 and 9.01 only); and
- the description of our common stock in <u>Exhibit 4.3</u> of our Form 10-K filed on April 1, 2024, including any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, information furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of any Current Report on Form8-K, including the related exhibits under Item 9.01, is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus, at no cost, by oral or written request directed to us at the following address or telephone number:

LM Funding America, Inc. 1200 Platt Street Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33606 (813) 222-8996

You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, as well as the information we file or previously filed with the SEC that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, is accurate as of any date other than its respective date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

#### PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses payable by the registrant in connection with the registration of the securities being registered hereby. All amounts shown are estimates, with the exception of the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee.

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	(1)
Printing and engraving expenses	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Miscellaneous (including any applicable listing fees, rating agency fees, trustee and transfer agent	
fees and expenses)	*
Total	*

- (1) The registrant is filing this registration statement to replace its existing registration statement (No.333-258326), which is expiring pursuant to Rule 415(a)(5). In accordance with Rule 415(a)(6), effectiveness of this registration statement will be deemed to terminate such registration statement. The filing fee associated with this registration statement was carried forward from our prior registration statement, and no additional filing fee is due in connection with the filing of this registration statement. Please see the registration fee table contained in Exhibit 107 to this registration statement for more information.
- \* Fees and expenses (other than the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee) will depend on the number of issuances and the nature of the offerings, and cannot be estimated at this time.

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the DGCL authorizes a corporation's board of directors to grant, and authorizes a court to award, indemnity to officers, directors and other corporate agents.

Our certificate of incorporation provides for indemnification of our officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by DGCL. Additionally, our certificate of incorporation limits the liability of our directors for monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duties, except for liability for:

- (1) Any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- (2) Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- (3) Unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the DGCL; or
- (4) Any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Any amendment to, or repeal of, these provisions will not eliminate or reduce the effect of these provisions in respect of any act, omission or claim that occurred or arose prior to that amendment or repeal. If the DGCL is amended to provide for further limitations on the personal liability of directors of corporations, then the personal liability of our directors will be further limited to the greatest extent permitted by the DGCL.

Our bylaws provide that we will indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was one of our directors or officers or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The bylaws provide that we may indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was one of our directors or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The bylaws provide that we may indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was one of our employees or agents or is or was serving at its request as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The Bylaws also provide that we must advance expenses incurred by or on behalf of a director or officer in advance of the final disposition of any action or proceeding, subject to limited exceptions.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our officers and directors pursuant to which we have agreed to hold harmless and indemnify such officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law, as such may be amended from time to time. These indemnification agreements also provide for the advancement of expenses by our company and, under certain circumstances, obligate us to pay, in whole or in part, certain amounts paid in judgment or settlement.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions included in the certificate of incorporation, the bylaws and in indemnification agreements that we have entered into or will enter into with our directors and officers may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and officers for breach of their fiduciary duties. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and our stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers as required by these indemnification provisions. At present, we are not aware of any pending litigation or proceeding involving any person who is or was one of our directors, officers, employees or other agents or is or was serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, for which indemnification is sought, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

We have obtained or will obtain insurance policies under which, subject to the limitations of the policies, coverage is provided to our directors and officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of fiduciary duty or other wrongful acts as a director or executive officer, including claims relating to public securities matters, and to us with respect to payments that may be made by us to these directors and officers pursuant to its indemnification obligations or otherwise as a matter of law.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

# Item 16. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as part of, or incorporated by reference into, this registration statement:

# EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of LM Funding America, Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 13, 2024) (Registration No. 333-262316).
3.2	Restated By-Laws of LM Funding America, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the FormI0-Q filed on November 17, 2022.
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on FormS-1 (Amendment No. 2) filed on August 27, 2015 (Registration No. 333-205232)).
4.2*	Form of Preferred Stock Certificate
4.3*	Form of Warrant.
4.4*	Form of Warrant Agreement.
4.5*	Form of Unit Agreement.
4.6*	Form of Certificate of Designation with respect to Preferred Stock
5.1	Opinion of Foley & Lardner LLP to legality.
23.1	Consent of MaloneBailey, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of Foley & Lardner LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page).
107.1	Filing Fee Table.

\* To be filed by amendment or as an Exhibit to a Current Report on Form8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (A)
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; *provided, however*, that paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement;
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by a registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

- (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that spart of the registration statement or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or prospectus that was part of t
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of a registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
  - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
  - Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
  - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(B) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(C) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registrent, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(D) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4), or 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective; and, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and
- (2) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each posteffective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tampa, State of Florida, on August 13, 2024.

#### LM FUNDING AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers

Bruce M. Rodgers, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Bruce M. Rodgers and Richard Russell and each of them individually, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement and any Rule 462(b) registration statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Bruce M. Rodgers Bruce M. Rodgers	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	August 13, 2024
/s/ Richard Russell Richard Russell	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	August 13, 2024
/s/ Carollinn Gould Carollinn Gould /s/ Andrew Graham	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024
Andrew Graham	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024
/s/ Frank Silcox Frank Silcox	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024
/s/ Martin Traber Martin Traber	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024
/s/ Douglas McCree Douglas McCree	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024
/s/ Frederick Mills Frederick Mills	Member of the Board of Directors	August 13, 2024

# ATTORNEYS AT LAW

August 13, 2024

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LM Funding America, Inc. 1200 Platt Street Suite 1000 Tampa, FL 33606

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for LM Funding America, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), including the prospectus constituting a part thereof (the "Prospectus"), being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the potential issuance and sale by the Company from time to time of up to \$150,000,000 in aggregate amount of any of the following: (i) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Preferred Stock"); (iii) warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase Preferred Stock, Common Stock or other securities of the Company; and (iv) units consisting of any combination of the other types of securities offered under the Registration Statement in one or more series ("Units") (the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Warrants, and Units are referred to herein as the "Securities"). The Prospectus provides that it will be supplemented in the future by one or more supplements to such Prospectus and/or other offering material (each, a "Prospectus Supplement").

As counsel to the Company in connection with the proposed issuance and sale of the Securities, we have examined: (i) the Registration Statement, including the Prospectus, and the exhibits (including those incorporated by reference), each constituting a part of the Registration Statement; (ii) the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended to date (the "Charter"); the bylaws of the Company, as amended to date (the "Bylaws"); (iii) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the registration of the Securities (the "Resolutions"); and (iv) such other proceedings, documents and records as we have deemed necessary to enable us to render this opinion.

In our examination of the above-referenced documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents, certificates and instruments submitted to us as originals and the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied without independent investigation or verification upon, and assumed the accuracy and completeness of, certificates, letters and oral and written statements and representations of public officials and officers and other representatives of the Company. We have also assumed that (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective under the Securities Act and will comply with all applicable laws; (ii) a Prospectus Supplement, if required, describing the Securities offered thereby will have been prepared and filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and any applicable Prospectus Supplement; (iv) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to any Securities offered will have been duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exchange or exercise of any Security being offered will have been duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exchange or exercise; and (vi) with respect to shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock offered, there will be sufficient shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock authorized under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and not otherwise reserved for issuance.

We have further assumed that each warrant agreement, each Warrant, each unit agreement and each Unit will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

With respect to each instrument or agreement referred to in or otherwise relevant to the opinions set forth herein (each, an "Instrument"), we have assumed, to the extent relevant to the opinions set forth herein, that (i) each party to such Instrument (if not a natural person) was duly organized or formed, as the case may be, and was at all relevant times and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization or formation, as the case may be, and had at all relevant times and has full right, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under such Instrument; (ii) such Instrument has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each party thereto; and (iii) such Instrument was at all relevant times and is a valid, binding and enforceable agreement or obligation, as the case may be, of, each party thereto.

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Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. All requisite action necessary to make any shares of Common Stock covered by the Registration Statement validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable will have been taken when: (a) the Company's Board of Directors, or a committee thereof duly authorized by the Board of Directors, shall have adopted appropriate resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bylaws and the Resolutions authorizing the issuance and sale of such shares of Common Stock and (b) certificates representing such shares of Common Stock shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement upon payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the aggregate par value thereof or, if any such shares of Common Stock are to be issued in uncertificated form, the Company's books shall reflect the issuance of such shares of Common Stock in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement upon payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the aggregate par value.

2. All requisite action necessary to make a series of Preferred Stock covered by the Registration Statement validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable will have been taken when: (a) the Company's Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bylaws and the Resolutions establishing the designations, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series of Preferred Stock and authorizing the issuance and sale of such series of Preferred Stock; (b) the Company shall have filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware a Certificate of Designations with respect to such series of Preferred Stock in accordance with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") and in conformity with the Charter and such final resolutions; and (c) certificates representing such series of Preferred Stock shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the aggregate par value thereof.

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3. All requisite action necessary to make any Warrants covered by the Registration Statement valid, legal and binding obligations of the Company, subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other similar laws of general application affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and (ii) general principles of equity, regardless of whether applied in a proceeding in equity or at law, shall have been taken when: (a) the Company's Board of Directors, or a committee thereof duly authorized by the Board of Directors, shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bylaws and the Resolutions approving and establishing the terms and form of such Warrants and the documents, including any warrant agreements, evidencing and used in connection with the issuance and sale of such Warrants, and to authorize the execution, delivery, issuance and sale of such Warrants and the execution and delivery of any related warrant agreement; (b) the terms of such Warrants and the execution and delivery of any related warrant agreement; (b) the terms of such Warrants and the instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirements or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirements or restrictions imposed by any court or governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Company; (c) any warrant agreements for such Warrants shall have been duly executed and delivered; (d) certificates representing such Warrants shall have been duly executed and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of the applicable warrant agreement and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor; (e) if such Warrants are exercisable for Common Stock, the actions described in paragraph 1 above shall hav

4. All requisite action necessary to make any Units covered by the Registration Statement valid, legal and binding obligations of the Company, subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other similar laws of general application affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and (ii) general principles of equity, regardless of whether applied in a proceeding in equity or at law, shall have been taken when: (a) the Company's Board of Directors, or a committee thereof duly authorized by the Board of Directors, shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bylaws and the Resolutions approving and establishing the terms and form of such Units and the documents, including any unit agreements, evidencing and used in connection with the issuance and sale of such Units and of their issuance and sale have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirements or restrictions imposed by any court or governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Company; (c) any unit agreements for such Units shall have been duly executed and delivered; (d) certificates representing such Units shall have been duly executed and delivered; (d) certificates representing such Units shall have been duly executed and delivered; (d) certificates representing such Units are exercisable for Common Stock, the actions described in paragraph 1 above shall have been taken; (f) if such Units are exercisable for Preferred Stock, the actions described in paragraph 2 above shall have been taken; and (g) if such Units relate to the issuance and sale of Warrants, the actions described in paragraph 3 above shall have been taken.

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This opinion letter is limited to the DGCL and the laws of the State of New York (excluding the securities laws of the State of New York). We express no opinion as to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the federal laws of the United States of America or any state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus which is filed as part of the Registration Statement, and to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are "experts" within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act or within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Foley & Lardner LLP Foley & Lardner LLP



# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on FormS-3 of our report dated April 1, 2024 with respect to the audited consolidated financial statements of LM Funding America, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2023.

We also consent to the references to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ MaloneBailey, LLP www.malonebailey.com Houston, Texas August 13, 2024

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# CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLES

# Form S-3

(Form Type)

LM Funding America, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

# Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial Effective Date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
Fees to Be	Equity	Common	Rule	(1)	(2)	y Registered Securi	ues					
Paid	Equity	Stock, \$0.001 per share	457(o)	(1)	(2)	(2)	_					
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Preferred Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(2)	(2)	_					
Fees to Be Paid	Other	Warrants	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(2)	(2)						
Fees to Be Paid	Other	Units	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(2)	(2)	—	_				
Fees to Be Paid	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)	_	Rule 457(o)		_	_	_	—				
					Car	ry Forward Securitie	es					
Carry Forward Securities	Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 415(a)(6)									
Carry Forward Securities	Equity	Preferred Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 415(a)(6)									
Carry Forward Securities	Other	Warrants	Rule 415(a)(6)									
Carry Forward Securities	Other	Units	Rule 415(a)(6)									
Carry Forward Securities	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)		Rule 415(a)(6)	_		\$150,000,000 (3)	0.0001091		S-3	333-258326	August 16, 2021	\$16,365
	Tot	al Offering	Amounts			\$150,000,000		\$16,365				
	Tota	l Fees Prev	iously Paic	1				\$16,365				
	Total Fees Offsets							\$0				
		Net Fee	Due					\$0				

(1)An indeterminate amount of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered under this registration statement at indeterminate prices, and shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$150,000,000. Separate consideration may not be received for registered securities that are issuable upon the exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the shares being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock as may be issuable with respect to the shares being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price per class of security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereunder and is not specified as to each class of security pursuant to Instruction 2.A(iii)(b) of Item 16(b) of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.

(3) Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, securities with a maximum aggregate price of \$150,000,000 registered hereunder are unsold securities (the "Unsold Securities") previously covered by the registrant's registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-258326) which was initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 30, 2021 and became effective on August 16, 2021 (the "Prior Registration Statement"), and are included in this registration statement. The registrant paid a filing fee of \$16,365 (calculated at the filing fee rate in effect at the time of the filing of the Prior Registration Statement) relating to the Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement, and no additional filing fee is due with respect to the Unsold Securities in connection with the filing of this registration statement. During the grace period afforded by Rule 415(a)(5) under the Securities Act, the registrant may continue to offer and sell under the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant sells any Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant sells and prior to the effectiveness of this registration statement, the registrant sells any Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration statement the updated number of Unsold Securities from the Prior Registration Statement to be included in this registration statement to Rule 415(a)(6) and the updated number of new securities to be registered on this registration statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the offering of Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement to Bicluded in this registration statement.