# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

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)

1200 Platt Street Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33606

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

Richard Russell Chief Financial Officer 1200 West Platt Street, Suite 100 Tampa, Florida 33606 Telephone No.: (813) 222-8996 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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	$\boxtimes$	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 is filing this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-281528), initially filed on August 13, 2024 (the "Registration Statement"), solely for the purpose of (i) modifying the amount of remaining unsold securities to be included on the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) that were registered on a previously filed registration statement, as indicated in Exhibit 107 to this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 and (ii) to file an updated consent of Malone Bailey, LLP, the registration Statement, the signatures and the exhibit index and is not intended to amend or delete any part of the Registration Statement except as specifically noted herein.

#### 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					
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					

- <sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the registration fee previously paid in connection with unsold securities pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6).
- \* 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.

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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 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 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on January 24, 2022) (Registration No. 333-262316).

- 3.1.1 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of LM Funding America, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed on March 8, 2024).
- 3.2 Restated By-Laws of LM Funding America, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Form10-Q filed on November 17, 2022.
- 4.1 <u>Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on FormS-1 (Amendment No. 2)</u> 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.

\*\* Filed herewith.

\*\*\* Previously filed.

#### 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 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 registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in 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:
  - 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 will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; and
- (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:
  - 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.

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(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 registered, 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 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.

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# 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 Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tampa, State of Florida, on October 30, 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)

Name	Title	Date		
/s/ Bruce M. Rodgers				
Bruce M. Rodgers	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	October 30, 2024		
/s/ Richard Russell				
Richard Russell	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	October 30, 2024		
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Carollinn Gould	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
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Andrew Graham	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
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Frank Silcox	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
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Martin Traber	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
*				
Douglas McCree	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
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Frederick Mills	Member of the Board of Directors	October 30, 2024		
r: /s/ Bruce M. Rodgers				

Bruce M. Rodgers

Attorney-in-fact

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# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Pre-effective Amendment No. 1 toForm S-3 (File No. 333-281528) 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.

/s/ MaloneBailey, LLP www.malonebailey.com Houston, Texas October 30, 2024

#### 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 File Number	Carry Forward Initial Effective Date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
					Ne	ewly Registered Secu	rities					
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Preferred Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Fees to Be	Equity	Share	Rule	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Paid	Other	Warrants	457(o)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Fees to Be			Rule									
Paid	Other	Units (2)	457(o)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)				
Fees to Be Paid	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)	Rule 457(o)	(1)	(1)	\$2,587,132 (1)(3)	0.00015310	\$396.09				
Fees Previously Paid		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
					0	Carry Forward Secu	rities	-				-
Carry Forward Securities	Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 415(a)(6)	(3)					S-3	333-258326		
Carry Forward Securities	Equity	Preferred Stock, \$0.001 per share	Rule 415(a)(6)	(3)					S-3	333-258326		
Carry Forward Securities	Other	Warrants	Rule 415(a)(6)	(3)					S-3	333-258326		
Carry Forward Securities	Other	Units (2)	Rule 415(a)(6)	(3)					S-3	333-258326		
Carry Forward Securities	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)	Unallocated (Universal Shelf)	Rule 415(a)(6)	(3)	_	\$147,412,868 (3)	0.00 010 91	_	S-3	333-258326	August 16, 2021	\$16,082
	Total Offering Amounts				\$150,000, 000 (1)(3)		\$396.09					
	Total Fees Previously Paid											
	Total Fees Offsets											
			Net F	ee Due				\$396.09				

Pursuant to Instruction 2.A(iii)(b) of Item 16(b) of Form S-3, this information is not required to be included. An indeterminate amount of the securities of each identified class (1) is being registered as may from time to time be offered under this registration statement at indeterminate prices, along with an indeterminate number of securities that may be is being registered as may from time to time be offered under this registration statement at indeterminate prices, along with an indeterminate number of securities that may be issued upon exercise, settlement, exchange or conversion of securities offered or sold under this registration statement, as shall have an aggregate initial offering price up to \$150,000,000. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement also covers any additional securities that may be offered or issued in connection with any stock split, stock dividend or pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of any of the securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange of other securities. In addition, the total amount to be registered and the proposed maximum aggregate offering price are estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act. Units may be issued under a unit agreement and will represent an interest in one or more securities registration statement including shares of common

(2) stock or preferred stock, or warrants, in any combination, which may or may not be separable from one another. (3) Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, securities with a maximum aggregate price of \$147,412,868 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 \$16,082 (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) 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 Unsold Securities on this registration statement with an aggregate initial offering price of \$2,587,132 (the "New Securities"), which aggregate offering price is not specified as to each class of securities. A filing fee of \$396.09 with respect to the New Securities is being paid in connection with the filing of this registration statement, the registrant sells any Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant sells any Unsold Securities under the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant will identify in a pre-effective amendment to this registration statement the updated number of Unsold Securities from the Prior Registration Statement to be included in this registration statement pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) and the updated amount of new securities to be registered on this registration statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities to the Securities Act, the offering of Unsold Securities un