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The Federal Trade Commission and the Small Business Administration have sent warning letters to six companies that they believe may be misleading small businesses seeking SBA loans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the FTC's [release](#), the letters highlight claims by the companies that could lead consumers to believe the companies are affiliated with the SBA or that consumers can apply on their websites for loans through the Paycheck Protection Program or other programs authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The letters warn the recipients to take immediate action to ensure all deceptive claims are removed and to remediate any harm to small business consumers as a result of the claims. The letters also instruct the recipients to notify the FTC within 48 hours about the specific actions they have taken to address the agency's concerns.

[Madison Funding Partners, Inc.](#)—According to the warning letter, the New York-based company has claimed on its website or in social media that consumers can "Get matched to a PPP lender now!" Earlier versions stated that people who were "Ready to get started with Madison Funding Partners" could "apply for the PPP Loan Now," with a button directing them to "Apply Now." Promotional messages also said that consumers who contact the company will "receive an approval within 24 hours and be funded within 48 hours."

[NYMBUS, Inc.](#)—The warning letter says the Miami company has claimed on its website and in social media that for people looking for PPP loans, "the fastest way to your loan is here" and that consumers can click to "Apply Now." What's more, the company has represented that "The NYMBUS SmartLenders Program is able to process your SBA Paycheck Protection Loan faster than any other source."

[SBADisasterLoan.org](#)—In addition to the name sbadisasterloan.org, the warning letter cites statements the company has made on its website that it provides "SBA Disaster Loans," that "\$484 Billion Now Available COVID-19 Relief Funding!" and that businesses can "Get Your PPP Loan Today." The letter also raises concerns that the company has represented it operates from the SBA's Washington, D.C., address and that it offers "SBA Lending experts" and "SBA Loan Officers" to businesses.

[Small Business Advocates – Los Angeles, d/b/a SBA Los Angeles](#)—On its website and in social media, the Pasadena company has repeatedly referred to itself as "SBA Los Angeles," "SBA," and "SBA LA." The warning letter also cites the company's claim that it offers "SBA Loans" to businesses, including those to "Pay An Emergency Business Expense."

[TF Group, Inc., d/b/a Taycor Financial](#)—The warning letter raises concerns about the practices of the California company or its lead generators. For example, disasterloanassistance.com uses the official logo of the SBA and claims to offer consumers "The Fastest & Easiest Way to Apply for PPP!" That same page purports to offer "COVID-19 SBA Loan Programs" and invites people to "Quick Apply" by submitting their business and financial information. According to the site, consumers can "Complete an application in under 15 minutes" and "GET FUNDED FAST!" and "Funds are available within 48 hours of approval."

[USAFunding.com](https://www.usafunding.com)—The warning letter raises a number of concerns about representations on the New York company's website. For instance, immediately after describing the law that authorized the Paycheck Protection Program, the company stated that there will be a "high volume of applicants" and "encourage[s] anyone interested to apply immediately," followed by an invitation for consumers to "APPLY NOW." The company also listed companies that qualify for PPP loans and immediately directed people to "APPLY NOW."

Companies: Madison Funding Partners, Inc.; NYMBUS, Inc.; SBADisasterLoan.org; SBA Los Angeles; Taycor Financial; USAFunding.com

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