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US Backstops Bank Deposits to Avert Crisis After SVB Failure

- Fed says new lending program to protect the nation's deposits
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 The Fed also <u>announced</u> a new "Bank Term Funding Program" that offers one-year loans to banks under easier terms than it typically provides. \$25 billion is available.