



Marshall E. Crawford, Jr., MPA President & Chief Executive Officer

In 2017, Marshall joined The Housing Fund, a CDFI private nonprofit revolving loan fund located in Nashville, TN. As President & CEO, he carries the full range of responsibilities typically associated with such a position. Reporting to the board of directors, his responsibilities are grouped in five major areas: organization leadership and management, strategic planning, resource development, management of loan portfolio and lending operations and community external relations. Marshall's leadership also ensures support for community building and housing development to residents to ensure the revitalization of communities.

Since returning to Nashville, Marshall has accumulated several accolades. Most recently, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta announced the appointment of Marshall to the Nashville Branch board of directors. For three straight years, he has been recognized as one of Nashville's Most Admired CEOs by his peers and the Nashville Business Journal. In 2019, Marshall was installed into the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition Hall of Fame for his efforts in affordable housing over the last 20 years. In 2018, he was featured on the cover of the Nashville Post BOOM! Magazine for establishing Nashville's first community land trust model as a solution to addressing a growing affordable housing issue in the city. Also, he is currently a participant of Leadership Tennessee.

Previously, he served as President of Housing and Multifamily Development for Community Ventures in Lexington, KY. Also, he spent 13 years at NeighborWorks America in various roles in the Southern Region located in Atlanta, GA.

Before joining NeighborWorks, Marshall was a safety and soundness bank examiner for the Office of Thrift Supervision. His banking career started in a management training program for Third National Bank (eventually, SunTrust Bank) in Nashville, Tennessee. He later relocated to Atlanta, GA and worked as a mortgage loan officer with several banks. In 1992, he was honorable discharged from the United States Army after serving five years while being stationed in Germany and at Fort Knox, KY.

Marshall is a graduate of Coatesville Area Senior High School ('85). After completing his military service at Fort Knox, he attended Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, where he received a degree in finance ('95). He completed a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in nonprofit management from the University of Nebraska at Omaha ('06). In 2016, Marshall completed an Executive Leadership Certification at Georgetown University ('16) in Washington D.C.

Mission: *The Housing Fund provides resources and creative leadership to individuals and communities to create and maintain affordable and healthy places for low- and moderate-income people to live.*