



Michael A. Simmons, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, leads the CMHA Financial Services organization. Mr. Simmons brings to CMHA a wealth of experience in financial and operations management in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. He has managed large organizations and projects, reengineered and streamlined operations and increased efficiencies. At CMHA, he has oversight and management of financial reporting and analysis, budgets, accounting, financial operations, payroll, and treasury and investments.

Mr. Simmons began his career as an auditor at the public accounting firm of Touche Ross and Co. He worked several years as Director of Finance in the private sector at Fortune 500 companies such as AT&T and Georgia Pacific in operations and finance managing budgets over \$1.0 billion. Mr. Simmons also served as VP Finance at the Atlanta Housing Authority with oversight and management over the finance and accounting functions. He has more recently spent time as CFO for nonprofit companies that advocated broadband access for underserved communities. This is one of Mr. Simmons' passions – advocating and serving the needs of others.

One of Mr. Simmons' more recent accomplishments is receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) highest awards in finance – The GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards. Other accomplishments include reengineering large finance and operations organizations enabling them to become more efficient and more productive, thereby, saving companies tens of millions of dollars.

Mr. Simmons currently serves or has served on boards and chairs of finance committees of several non-profit organizations including the YMCA and a school board. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Business Administration from Rutgers University and is a Certified Public Accountant in three states.