



ESSEX 684 ELLIS STREET

DEVELOPER

Community Housing
Partnership & Mercy
Housing California

PRIMARY DEMOGRAPHIC

Single Adults

TOTAL UNITS

84 units

PROPERTY MANAGER

CHP

SERVICE PROVIDER

CHP

ARCHITECT

Barcelon & Jang Architects

CONTRACTOR

Fineline Construction

OPENED

February 2008

Community Housing Partnership and Mercy Housing California worked with Barcelon & Jang Architects to rehabilitate and open the Essex, a permanent supportive housing building for extremely low income, chronically homeless individuals. It is the first project CHP financed with low-income housing tax credits and tax-exempt bonds and opened its doors to tenants in February 2008.

THE BUILDING

Formerly an underutilized tourist and residential hotel, the Essex was constructed in 1912. Beginning in March 2007, the Essex underwent substantial renovations to transform the building into 84 studio units for single adults. Each studio apartment has bathrooms and kitchenettes. In addition to the apartments, the building features 3,000 square feet of street-level commercial space and 5,500 square feet of community facilities, including a fully built-out basement that includes a community kitchen, program room, laundry room, and tenant services offices. The rehab process included several upgrades to meet current safety standards as well as features that satisfy Enterprise's Green Communities criteria. Sustainable features include low-flow water fixtures, Energy Star lighting, a high-efficiency boiler, insulated pipes, green-certified carpet and bathrooms surfaces, as well as re-used building materials.

AWARDS

Enterprise Green Communities Project