Community Housing Partnership acquired the Cambridge Apartments from Chinatown Community Development Center in 2012 after providing on-site support services and property management since 2008. The Cambridge Apartments is a permanent supportive housing building for extremely low income, chronically homeless individuals. Community Housing Partnership engaged Mock/Wallace Architects to redevelop the building. The Cambridge Apartments re-opened in May 2013 as part of Community Housing Partnership’s permanent portfolio of supportive housing.

**THE BUILDING**

The Cambridge Apartments consists of 60 individual studios, each with a full bathroom and kitchenette. During the rehabilitation, the ground floor was completely reconfigured to include a new lobby, reception desk area, management offices, a tenant lounge, and a services suite with separate program room. Community Housing Partnership replaced major building systems including the boilers and elevator, added solar photo voltaic panels to the roof, and made extensive structural upgrades to improve the building’s seismic strength.

The Cambridge was built as a residential hotel in 1926. After the Loma Prieta earthquake, the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing helped Chinatown Community Development Center purchase and rehabilitate the building.