

Edmonton adds new homes for mentally ill

City's Cornerstones program funds 27 new affordable apartments

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Edmonton added 27 new apartment suites for people with mental illness Monday.



Edward Street is a 27 suite complex for low income people with mental illness. (City of Edmonton) The \$4.9 million affordable housing complex, called Edward Street, gives people with mental illness and low income access to independent living in a safe environment.

"Edward Street is not only increasing the supply of affordable housing, but it will offer much-needed support to the most vulnerable in our city," said Mayor Stephen Mandel. "When we can offer a roof over someone's head, and the support to go with it, we're helping people become part of their community again."

The Edward Street complex was built by the Canadian Mental Health Association and funded by the city and the province with help from Cornerstones Affordable Housing Program which unites communities, business and government to develop affordable housing.

Since May 31, 2011, the city's Cornerstones program added 2,622 affordable homes for people and families in need, exceeding city council's goal of 2,500.