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San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood witnessed a significant milestone last week when the City Gardens affordable housing complex officially opened its doors. This development, located at 333 12th St., will offer 200 new units for needy families.

City Gardens goes beyond providing mere shelter; it offers permanent supportive housing equipped with a range of vital support services. These services encompass everything from education and job training to essential healthcare, ensuring that residents have the tools they need to regain stability and independence. This initiative bolsters San Francisco's portfolio of supportive housing units for families by 20 percent.

One of the key sources of funding for this ambitious project is the Our City, Our Home Fund, an initiative that levies taxes on businesses with annual gross receipts exceeding \$50 million. This program, enacted as Proposition C in 2018 by the city's voters, contributed \$100 million to City Gardens.

Adding to the financial backing of the Our City, Our Home Fund, the state's Homekey program contributed an additional \$56.7 million to make City Gardens a reality. The Homekey program aims to address the housing crisis declared in 2019, with a focus on permanent housing solutions. This partnership marks the city's first acquisition of permanent supportive housing specifically designed for families using Homekey funds, according to a CBS Bay Area report.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed expressed her enthusiasm, stating in a statement, "The city's investments across our system in shelter, housing, and prevention are making a difference for people and our neighborhoods every day, and we will keep working to bring stability and hope to those in most need."

San Francisco Supervisor Matt Dorsey shared in Mayor Breed's sentiment, emphasizing that City Gardens represents more than just a building. "The opening of City Gardens will provide secure housing for families in San Francisco at a time when it's badly needed. It's more than just a building; it's a sign of our commitment to helping our most vulnerable neighbors," Dorsey stated.

City Gardens' on-site social services, including case management and mental health counseling, will be provided by the nonprofit organization Abode Services. The complex also offers a range of amenities to foster community and well-being, including communal spaces, resident lounges on each floor, a serene rooftop terrace, offices, and even a convenient bike repair shop.

Louis Chicoine, CEO of Abode Services, summed up the sentiment shared by all involved, saying, "City Gardens is a wonderful family project that we are excited to be a part of. We are thankful to have been brought on by the City and County of San Francisco to operate such a beautiful and meaningful building that is now home to many San Franciscans."

