

New affordable housing complex opens on River Avenue in Concourse



An affordable housing complex has opened in the Concourse section of the Bronx.

The building at 1169 River Ave. offers nearly 250 apartments to those who once experienced homelessness's and mental health issues.

"We all deserve not just adequate housing, but housing that helps us thrive," said Cal Hedigan, CEO of Community Access, Inc.

It comes with a \$120 million price tag made possible by the nonprofit organization Community Access with help from multiple city and state agencies.

For those that make 60% of the average median income, they say the price to live in the building would range from \$843 per month for a studio up to \$1,482 per month for a three-bedroom.

If needed, Community Access says each of those residents also has access to supportive health services including onsite counseling, crisis intervention and medication management.

"When we're able to get that support from government funders and create those types of amenities, it just improves people's quality of life," Hedigan said.

Officials say 85% of those eligible for the apartments have already been approved and some of them live in the building already. The empty units are expected to be filled by the end of March.