

Odyssey Family Housing

Denver, Colorado

Owner: J. Mercado + Associates, The Empowerment Program, Inc.

Use: Multifamily Residential, Veterans Housing, Office Mixed-use,

Features: 36 dwelling units, 5,400 SF Office, 32 parking spaces, historic renovation, roof garden

Services: Master planning, architecture, interior design.



The mid-rise addition connects to the historic Elyria School - a Denver Landmark.



The mixed use development provides a quality residential facility with supportive services, to at-risk, female veterans transitioning from military service to civilian life, through the restoration of the historic Elyria School, and through the construction of a new three story apartment development on the adjoining open lot.

The project consists of two components; a new 36 unit rental mid-rise, and an existing 6,000 SF former elementary school restored to provide program space for residents and community services.

The Empowerment Program, Inc., a 20 year old non-profit specializing in women's issues, will own and operate the residential component. They will provide supportive services to the residents and manage the apartments through Pillar Properties, a third party professional property manager. The Empowerment Program currently owns and operates other supportive properties in Denver.

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