Century Village is an affordable housing community that provides 100 rental apartments for low-income individuals and families in Fremont. Originally built in 1972, Century Village was acquired by MidPen Housing in 1995 in order to convert it from market-rate to affordable housing. With support from our partners and a refinancing opportunity, Century Village underwent an extensive rehabilitation in January 2013 and welcomed all residents back by the fall of 2013.

The rehabilitation includes both interior and exterior renovations that improve the community’s long-term performance, appearance, and residents’ quality of life. A major priority was improving energy usage with energy-efficient features including Photovoltaic and solar thermal systems, which are projected to help decrease energy waste by 40%. Other enhancements include: exterior panel siding and adding insulation; new double-pane vinyl windows; new heating/cooling systems and upgraded appliances; and low-flow water fixtures.

Century Village’s renovation also significantly enhanced the community building with a better layout and expanded spaces for offices, multifunctional community areas, and a large After School Program classroom which will support curriculum from the high-performing school district in which Century Village is located. Additionally, several residents participate in Fremont’s Housing Scholarship Program, which links affordable housing with child care and job training. Located in close proximity to BART, major bus lines, and shopping centers, Century Village is a transit-oriented and pedestrian-friendly community.