The development of Moon Gate Plaza forges a new and innovative path for permanent supportive housing on a site steeped in the cultural history of the City of Salinas. In 2012, the City and MidPen Housing formed a partnership to revitalize the historic Chinatown neighborhood in order to reinvigorate economic development and house the area’s growing homeless population.

Through a groundbreaking collaboration between MidPen Housing and the Central California Alliance for Health, Moon Gate Plaza will connect housing and health services for the highest utilizers of the healthcare system, with 20 supportive apartments set aside for that population. Another 20 apartments will accept referrals from Interim, Inc., a leading provider of mental health services and support. A robust services plan, funded in part by the County’s Whole Person Care initiative and coordinated by MidPen Services, includes three full-time case managers and provides the intensive support needed to promote housing stability and achieve positive health outcomes for this population. The other 50 apartments will provide homes for the area’s other low-income residents.

Through a collaboration of local nonprofit organizations, the ground floor of Moon Gate will provide a vibrant space that incorporates arts, health and wellness, culture, and educational programming to serve all Chinatown neighborhood residents.