



# VANPOOL QUICK FACTS

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## What is a Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of five to 15 commuters who share a ride to and from work and/or a vocational/post-secondary educational destination. The participants (all passengers and the driver) share the cost of the service, or their employer may subsidize all or part of the costs. The vans that are leased range from seven passengers up to 15-passenger vehicles. Everyone in the vanpool is a volunteer and the driver is unpaid.

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## SOLVAN's Program

Through a SolVan-approved 3<sup>rd</sup> party leasing vendor (Enterprise Rideshare or CalVans), SolVan subsidizes qualified vanpools up to \$400 a month on an ongoing basis. Vanpools are advertised to the public and any empty seats must be made available to any potential commuter who shares the same work commute. Vanpools must meet the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. If there is a vacancy in a vanpool and a person with a disability applies for a seat, the vanpool and the vanpool Vendor must make accommodations for the individual to become a vanpool member.

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## Qualification Requirements

- Begin or end your trip in the greater Eastern Riverside County area
  - Travel at least 25 miles' round trip each day and commute at least 12 days each month
  - Start with a 70% or greater occupancy
  - Leaseholder must lease a van through a SolVan-approved Leasing Vendor, Enterprise Rideshare or CalVans
  - Understand that SolVan will publicize the vanpool and any empty seats
  - Comply with all SolVan Program requirements
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## Apply Today

For information on joining or leasing a CalVans van, go directly to their website at [CalVans.org](http://CalVans.org).

However, if you already have a vanpool and your lease is through Enterprise Rideshare or if you are interested in forming a vanpool through Enterprise Rideshare, you may begin the process today by visiting the SolVan online web-based system at [SolVan.org](http://SolVan.org) for all the information you need to get started. There are helpful documents, such as Program Guidelines, a Step-by-Step Guide and Frequently Asked Questions. Should your subsidy begin during the month, SolVan will prorate the subsidy based on your anticipated commute days during the month.

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## Ongoing Requirements

To receive an ongoing subsidy, you must track which of your passengers commute each day to and from work, as well as monthly out-of-pocket vanpool costs (fuel, car washes, as examples). You are also responsible to notify SolVan when there are changes to the vanpool, such as new passengers or schedule changes. Enterprise Rideshare vanpools will report monthly statistics to SolVan, and all CalVans vanpools report directly to CalVans. In addition, all vanpools must maintain 50% occupancy to continue to receive a SolVan subsidy.

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## Contact Us

Visit [SolVan.org](http://SolVan.org), or call 877-4SOLVAN (877.476.5826), or e-mail us at [SolVan@sunline.org](mailto:SolVan@sunline.org).

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