



Better Way Anaheim

- **What:** pilot program offering volunteer community service projects for those who are homeless
- **Why:** to provide basic work experience and access to additional services to end homelessness
- **Long-term goal:** Better Way Anaheim is designed to grow into a larger a job-training and employment program as part of Anaheim's ongoing efforts to address homelessness
- **Pilot-program duration:** six months
- **Cost:** up to \$30,000 for initial six-month pilot program, with the option of three one-year renewals at an annual cost of \$70,000
- **Operator:** Love Anaheim, a nonprofit that brings together other nonprofits, faith-based groups and volunteers to work on community service projects
- **Start date:** Dec. 28, 2017
- **Participants:** 102 as of May 1, 2018
- **Participants from:** west Anaheim, other locations across the city
- **How it works:** Love Anaheim works with Long Beach-based City Net and others that are part of the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative to identify potential candidates who would benefit from the program
- **Outings:** Love Anaheim conducts weekly community service outings of up to five hours each and could expand to twice weekly outings





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- **Van:** the city has transferred to Love Anaheim a surplus Dodge Caravan, formerly used by Anaheim Public Utilities, with an estimated value of \$1,300 to \$1,500

- **Pick-ups:** Love Anaheim picks up participants from locations across Anaheim including Bridges at Kraemer Place shelter



- **Projects:** a van driver and helper take up to five participants to pick up trash in parks, paint trash cans, remove graffiti, spread woodchips and do other community projects; plans also call for enlisting businesses that could provide projects and work experience
- **Gifts:** participants work as volunteers and are provided food and gift cards worth \$60 for each day of service
- **Services:** participants have access to City Net and the Anaheim Homeless Collaborative, made up of more than 100 groups providing access to housing, healthcare, social services benefits, employment and other services
- **Inspiration:** Better Way Anaheim is inspired in part by Albuquerque's There's a Better Way program, which offers day labor, housing and services to the homeless
- **History:** Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait announced Better Way Anaheim at his state of the city address in January 2017
- **Background:** Better Way Anaheim is part of Anaheim's larger efforts to address homelessness, which can be found at Anaheim.net/homeless