

# Q&A for the Low Emission Transport Fund

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## Round 14 Demonstration of Vehicles, Technology, Off-road and Marine Request for Proposals

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### What is the objective of this Request for Proposals (RFP)?

#### Technology

- Encourage innovation in approaches and technologies that can decarbonise transport through, for example, smart charging and software to manage peak electricity demand, by optimising the use of low-emission vehicles (LEVs) and other modes of transport, or with MaaS software applications.
- Provide charging infrastructure technology which demonstrates how technology can address constrained infrastructure or power availability at key charging locations. Note — charging Projects where the deliverable is a charger and infrastructure to add to the network of chargers around the country are excluded from this round.
- Facilitate the scaling up of EV technology, especially in vehicle fleets — for example, fleet optimisation and transition studies for light or heavy vehicles.
- Vessels and technologies that encourage innovation in approaches and technologies that can result in marine transport decarbonisation through for example electrification, hydrofoiling, and hybrid drives.

#### Vehicles and vessels

- Demonstrate how low-emission on-road and off-road vehicles and marine vessels can fulfil a new business case, service a new sector or use case, or address significant barriers in an organisation or sector. Note — see the specification in Section 2.4 below.
- Demonstrate opportunities to consolidate the existing fleet of vehicles and provide innovative ways to transport people and goods.
- Marine vessel operational emissions reduction - Improving emissions profile without large capital investment/vessel replacement, behaviour change and optimisation. For example, advanced hull coatings, propeller optimisation (note - we are looking for this to be incorporated into a wider project. Hull coatings / propeller optimisations Projects wouldn't score highly in isolation).

## Software and support

- Provide software applications that will accelerate the transition of the fleet to zero emissions.
- Support the development of low-emission transport maintenance, repair and other support services.
- Support the development of battery recycling and repurposing services.

## Marine

- Demonstrate low emission technologies, infrastructure, innovations and business models in the marine transport space.
- This could include projects in the areas of marine vessels, electric outboard motors, charging infrastructure to service marine projects and associated technologies or services. Hydrogen fuel cell vessels and other technologies may have been in scope if they made use of New Zealand's renewable electricity advantage, and a reliable supply exists.

### **What is new this round?**

Several categories of off-road vehicles have been included in round 14, including off-road vehicles that are on tracks and demonstration low emission technologies, infrastructure, innovations and business models in the marine transport space. Check the RFP document for details of eligibility and exclusions.

### **Why apply?**

This is an opportunity to actively contribute to the decarbonisation of transport in New Zealand.

### **Who is eligible to apply to the Fund?**

The Fund is open to all New Zealand-based and New Zealand-registered legal entities except Public Service Departments, Non-Public Service Departments (such as the New Zealand Defence Force), and Statutory Crown Entities.

### **Which off-road vehicles can I apply for?**

The RFP sets out the specification.

### **Which marine technologies can I apply for?**

The RFP sets out the specification.

### **When will other funding rounds such as for public charging projects be opened?**

EECA intends to open funding rounds for public charging projects. The best way to stay abreast of opening dates is to [sign up to EECA's newsletter](#). You can also contact EECA to discuss your ideas on [LETFund@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:LETFund@eeca.govt.nz).

**How can I apply?**

You will need to submit an application using the online RFP Response Form, available on the EECA website. Instructions and guidance for completing the form are in the online form, and you can also refer to a PDF of the Response Form. Please save as you go and feel free to save your progress and return to continue completing the response form.

The RFP document outlines the criteria for assessment.

**When will the results be announced?**

We anticipate informing applicants of their result from November 2024.

**Who decides which proposals will be funded?**

An assessment panel will assess the proposals against a set of criteria and then make recommendations to EECA, which will make the final decisions on which proposals are shortlisted.

**Where can I find out what projects have been funded under the Low Emission Transport Fund?**

Details are available on the EECA website or follow [this link](#).

**Who can I talk to about my application?**

Our Point of Contact for all enquiries, such as questions on the scope of the Fund or assistance with filling in the Response Form: [applications@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:applications@eeca.govt.nz).