

Frequently Asked Questions for the Low Emission Transport Fund (LETF) Round 15: Ports

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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.
- Provide charging infrastructure technology which demonstrates the ability of technology to address constrained infrastructure or power availability for charging in New Zealand ports. Shore power applications may be considered if they use innovative ways of overcoming the typical issues relating to infrastructural upgrades and can provide detail of a vessel ready to use shore power.
- Provide charging infrastructure technology which demonstrates how technology can address constrained infrastructure or power availability at key charging locations.
 - 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.
- Port technologies that encourage innovation in approaches and technologies that can result in port transport decarbonisation through for example electrification, and hybrid drives.

Vehicles

- Demonstrate how low-emission on-road and off-road vehicles can fulfil a new business case, service a new sector or use case, or address significant barriers in an organisation or sector.

- Demonstrate low-emission vehicles, mobile plant and equipment with a new business case, demonstration opportunity in a new use case, or address significant barriers in the port sector.
- Demonstrate opportunities to consolidate the existing fleet of vehicles, mobile plant and mobile equipment and provide innovative ways to transport goods.
- Applications that include innovative ways of overcoming the typical issues relating to infrastructural upgrades will score higher than applications solely for equipment and chargers.

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 repurposing opportunities.

What is new in this round?

Several categories of off-road vehicles have been included in round 15, including off-road vehicles that are on tracks and demonstration low-emission technologies, infrastructure, innovations and business models in the port sector.

Applications requesting over the \$500,000 co-funding limit may be considered if sufficient justification can be provided. The decision will be based on business case and decision-making criteria. The Applicant would need to show that the project would not happen otherwise, and that the project will deliver significant demonstration and value for money coupled with a requirement to commit to additional actions (e.g. the applicant contracts to deliver additional equipment within an agreed timeframe).

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?

This funding round is open to New Zealand's 13 major ports (Northport, Port of Auckland, Port of Tauranga, Eastland Port, Port Taranaki, Napier Port, CentrePort Wellington, Port

Marlborough, Port Nelson, Lyttelton Port, PrimePort Timaru, Port Otago, South Port) as well as third-party operators that operate on these sites.

Which off-road vehicles can I apply for?

The RFP document sets out the specification.

Which marine technologies can I apply for?

The RFP document 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.

How can I apply?

You will need to submit an application using the online 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 April 2025.

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](#).

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 is applications@eeca.govt.nz.