

Q&A for the Low Emission Transport Fund

Round 11 Demonstration of Marine Request for Proposals

Questions from individual applicants should be referred directly to EECA:

LETFund@eeca.govt.nz

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

Vessels and technologies

1. Encourage innovation in approaches and technologies that can result in marine transport decarbonisation through for example electrification, hydrofoiling, and hybrid drives.

Operational emissions reduction activity

2. Improving emissions profile without large capital investment/vessel replacement through behaviour change and optimisation, e.g. advanced hull coatings, propeller optimisation (note, we are looking for this to be incorporated in to a wider project. Hull coatings / propeller optimisations alone wouldn't score highly in isolation).

Support services / sector development

3. Support the development of low emission marine technology maintenance, battery, repair and other support services.

Public charging infrastructure

4. Support the development of public charging infrastructure specific for marine projects (applicants may note the benefits of other types of vehicles being able to use the infrastructure).

In addition, EECA is open to receiving requests for feasibility studies.

Feasibility studies for future projects

5. Scoping studies e.g., for shore power for large vessels (connectivity and capital investments), scoping connectivity requirements for development of an eco-system of cross-sector users able to use common charging infrastructure at a port, marina, or other collaboration. If you are interested in undertaking a feasibility study, contact us at LETFund@eeca.govt.nz any time; these studies are not tied to a particular funding round and are available all year depending on funding availability.

What is new this round?

This funding round seeks proposals to demonstrate a range of 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 overall Low Emission Transport Fund (LETF) exclusions apply to this round, along with the exclusions included in the RFP document.

How can I apply?

You will need to submit a registration 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.

The RFP document outlines the criteria for assessment.

When will the results be announced?

We anticipate informing applicants of their result from November 2023.

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: LETFund@eeca.govt.nz