# Q&A for the Low Emission Transport Fund

Round 13 Demonstration of Vehicles, Technology and Off-road Request for Proposals

Questions from individual applicants should be referred directly to EECA: <u>LETFund@eeca.govt.nz</u>

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

Technology

- 1. Encourage innovation in approaches and technologies that can result in transport decarbonisation through for example software to reduce or defer peak electricity demand, and optimisation of the use of low emission vehicles and other modes of transport, Mobility-as-a-Service applications.
- 2. Provide charging infrastructure technology which demonstrates the ability of technology to address constrained infrastructure or power availability at charging locations of interest.

#### Vehicles

- 3. Demonstrate low emission vehicles with a new business case, demonstration opportunity in a new sector or use case, or address significant barriers in an organisation or sector.
- 4. Demonstrate opportunities to consolidate the existing fleet of vehicles and provide innovative ways to transport people and goods.

Software and support

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

#### What is new this round?

Several categories of off-road vehicles have been included in round 13, including off-road vehicles that are on tracks. 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 such as District Health Boards.

#### Which off-road vehicles 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 <u>sign up to EECA's newsletter</u>. You can also contact EECA to discuss your ideas on <u>LETFund@eeca.govt.nz</u>.

#### 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. 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 June 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: <u>LETFund@eeca.govt.nz</u>