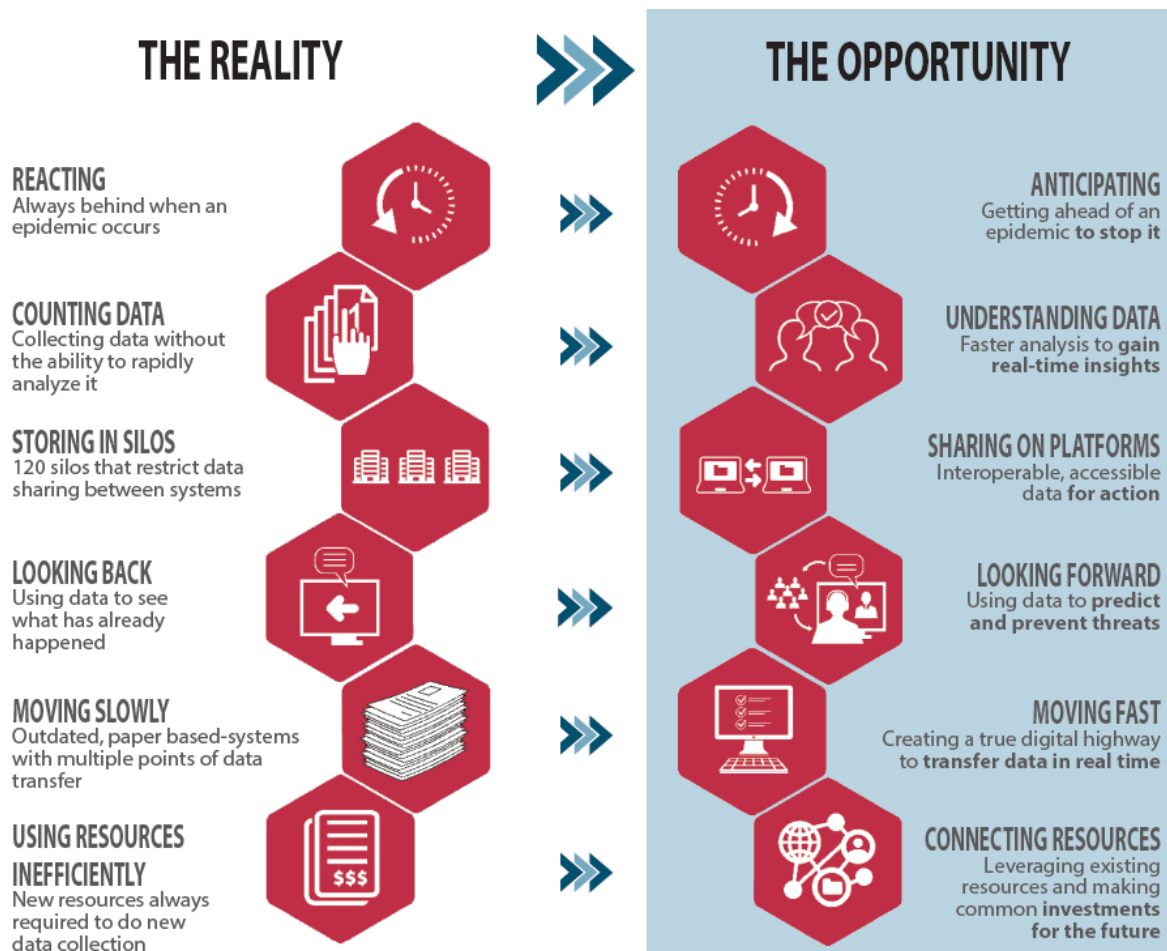


The tracking program’s data system identifies demographic factors, environmental burdens, socioeconomic conditions, and public health concerns related to environmental justice. Via the tracking program’s unique tools, data can be shared in meaningful ways that highlight the disproportionate burden that certain communities face via its [Environmental Justice Dashboard](#). In addition, data from the Tracking Program is utilized to guide other programs at the National Center for Environmental Health including the Climate and Health Program as well as the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

The program is undergoing a new competitive process in FY2023. In order to keep existing grantees funded and expand the program to additional states, additional resources are needed. A Public Health Foundation study estimated that every dollar invested in the tracking program results in a [\\$1.44 return](#) in the form of health care savings.



Recommendation: As of FY2022, CDC is still only able to fund half the states in the U.S. to participate in the Tracking Network. CDC has estimated that roughly \$75 million will be needed to expand the program to all 50 states, D.C. and U.S. territories. As such, TFAH recommends that Congress provide \$54 million in FY 2023 to continue building this network. CDC estimates that fifteen currently unfunded states have laid the groundwork to begin full-scale programs. Additional levels of funding could also allow the program to continue to expand the type of health data available to policymakers, public health professionals, and the public.