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MYTH	FACT	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
THE TSCRP IS AN EARMARK	No, it's a peer-reviewed and competitive program.	• Definition of an earmark: "spending directed to an entity other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process"
THE TSCRP IS A RUBBER STAMP	No, the TSCRP has always been a competitive program.	• Even its initial appropriation of \$1M in FY02 (and all appropriations thereafter) have been awarded as grants through a competitive process. • In FY22, 12 applications totaling \$6.5MM scored as Outstanding or Excellent were not funded. • Applications are vigorously peer-reviewed by scientific experts and consumers.
THE TSCRP HAS NO RELEVANCE TO THE MILITARY OR NATIONAL SECURITY.	Research grants funded by the TSCRP contribute directly to the health of servicemembers and their dependents.	• TSC mouse model developed by an awardee is also used to study post-traumatic brain injury. • Service members are also parents/caregivers of individuals with TSC. • TSCRP research is paving the way to finding cures and treatments for related conditions, like cancer, epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder, multiple sclerosis, and cerebral palsy.
TSCRP-FUNDED RESEARCH IS DUPLICATIVE OF RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)	TSCRP (and all other programs within the CDMRP) research complements NIH-funded research.	• TSCRP work fills the gaps in NIH-funded research by seeking novel, high-reward projects. • The NIH, TSCRP, and TSC Alliance work together to align research strategy and priorities. The three organizations established a TSC Strategic Plan in 2015 to ensure that precious research resources are focused on areas of high need and far-reaching potential impact. • NIH grants are not reviewed by consumers, while TSCRP grants are reviewed by individuals with TSC or parents/caregivers.