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MYTH	FACT	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p>THE TSCRP IS AN EARMARK.</p>	<p>No, it's a peer-reviewed and competitive program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of an earmark: "Spending directed to an entity other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process."
<p>THE TSCRP IS A RUBBER STAMP.</p>	<p>No, the TSCRP has always been a competitive program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even its initial appropriation of \$1M in FY02 (and all appropriations thereafter) have been awarded as grants through a competitive process. • Applications are vigorously peer-reviewed by scientific experts and consumers.
<p>THE TSCRP HAS NO RELEVANCE TO THE MILITARY OR NATIONAL SECURITY.</p>	<p>Research grants funded by the TSCRP contribute directly to the health of service members and their dependents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 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, including cancer, epilepsy, autism spectrum disorder, multiple sclerosis, and cerebral palsy.
<p>TSCRP-FUNDED RESEARCH IS DUPLICATIVE OF RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH).</p>	<p>TSCRP (and all other programs within the CDMRP) research complements NIH-funded research.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.