



MYTH	FACT	SUPPORTING INFORMATION
<p><b>THE TSCRP IS AN EARMARK.</b></p>	<p>No, it's a peer-reviewed and competitive program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of an <b>earmark</b>: "Spending directed to an entity other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process."</li> </ul>
<p><b>THE TSCRP IS A RUBBER STAMP.</b></p>	<p>No, the TSCRP has <b>always</b> been a competitive program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even its initial appropriation of \$1M in FY02 (and all appropriations thereafter) have been awarded as grants through a competitive process.</li> <li>• In FY23, 17 applications totaling \$8.6MM scored as Outstanding or Excellent were not funded.</li> <li>• Applications are vigorously peer-reviewed by scientific experts and consumers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>THE TSCRP HAS NO RELEVANCE TO THE MILITARY OR NATIONAL SECURITY.</b></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"> <li>• A TSC mouse model developed by an awardee is also used to study post-traumatic brain injury.</li> <li>• Service members are also parents/caregivers of individuals with TSC.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TSCRP-FUNDED RESEARCH IS DUPLICATIVE OF RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH).</b></p>	<p>TSCRP (and all other programs within the CDMRP) research <b>complements</b> NIH-funded research.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSCRP work fills the gaps in NIH-funded research by seeking novel, high-reward projects.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• NIH grants are not reviewed by consumers, while TSCRP grants are reviewed by individuals with TSC or parents/caregivers.</li> </ul>