

# Elaine E. Katz

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Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications. Elaine Katz oversees Kessler Foundation's comprehensive grant making program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$49 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 25 years, Katz has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Katz often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, and is the author/co-author of articles and papers on related topics. She currently serves on the board of directors of [JESPY House](#), [New Jersey Association of People Supporting Employment First](#) (NJAPSE), [Essex/Newark Disabilities Issues Committee](#), and on the program committee of the [Council of NJ Grantmakers](#). Elaine served as a member of the Human and Children Services Transition Advisory Committee for Governor-elect Phil Murphy. She is also an appointed member of Empower NYC Advisory Board, Workforce Matters National Steering Committee, ReelAbilities NY Advisory & Council, ReelAbilities 2019 Selection Committee and the NJ Veterans and Community Collaborative Network (VCCN).

## Expertise

Non-Profit Organizational Strategy, Management, Marketing and Board Development  
Social Enterprise/Business Development for Non-Profit Organizations  
Employment of People with Disabilities  
Grantmaking-Strategy, Idea Development, Program Execution and Evaluation

## Education

MS - Adelphi University  
BS - Boston University

## Honors

Jackson Drysdale Civilian of the Year Award from the GI GO Fund, 2016  
Betty Pendler Award from Community Options, Inc., 2015

## Publications

**Katz, E.**, Foundation Center Blog 2019 – “*Strategic Collaboration: Leveraging Dollars For Impact*”

Phillips, K., Houtenville, A., O’Neill, & **Katz E.** 2019. The Effectiveness of Employer Practices to Recruit, Hire, and Retain Employments with Disabilities: Supervisor Perspectives. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 51 (2019) 339-353.

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