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## I. Non-Discrimination Laws STATE This category evaluates whether Employme

/S	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
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	5 5	00	5 5	5 5
ccommodations	5 5	00	5 5	5 5

discrimination on the basis of sexual	Employment	(5 5	(0 0	(5 5	(5 5
orientation and gender identity is prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and	Housing	5 5	00	5 5	5 5
public accommodations.	Public Accommodations	5 5	00	5 5	5 5
	SCORE			<b>30</b> ou	it of 30

II. Municipality as En	СІТҮ	AVAILABLE	
By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBT employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBT employees equally.	Non-Discrimination in City Employment  Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits  City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	0	6 6 3 3
	SCORE	<b>12</b> o	ut of 24
	<b>BONUS</b> Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work	+0	+2

III. Municipal Service	:S		STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in	Human R	ights Commission			5	5
city services and programs.	LGBT Liaison in the Mayor's Office				(0)	5
	Enumera	ted Anti-Bullying School Policies	3 3	00	3 3	3 3
	SCORE				<b>11</b> o	ut of 16
	BONUS	Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission			+3	+3
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT youth			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT homeless			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT elderly			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS			+0	+2

## IV. Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT community in a thoughtful and respectful way.

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LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	<b>(0)</b> (10)
Reported 2013 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	12 12
SCORE	<b>12</b> out of 22

## V. Relationship with the LGBT Community

SCORE

This category measures the city leadership's commitment to fully include the LGBT community and to advocate for full equality.

Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality

Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

**BONUS** Openly LGBT elected or appointed

municipal leaders **BONUS** Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law

CITY



Final Score 70 **TOTAL SCORE 67 + TOTAL BONUS 3 =** 

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION — PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY





BONUS PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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