

I. Non-Discrimination Laws

This category evaluates whether discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Employment				
Housing				
Public Accommodations				
SCORE	30 out of 30			

II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

	CITY	AVAILABLE
Non-Discrimination in City Employment		
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits		
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance		
SCORE	21 out of 24	
BONUS Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work		

III. Municipal Services

This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBTQ constituents are included in city services and programs.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Human Rights Commission				
LGBTQ Liaison in the Mayor's Office				
Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies				
SCORE	11 out of 16			
BONUS Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission				
BONUS City provides services to LGBTQ youth				
BONUS City provides services to LGBTQ homeless				
BONUS City provides services to LGBTQ elderly				
BONUS City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS				
BONUS City provides services to the transgender community				

IV. Law Enforcement

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

	CITY	AVAILABLE
LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force		
Reported 2014 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI		
SCORE	22 out of 22	

V. Relationship with the LGBTQ Community

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

	CITY	AVAILABLE
Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ Equality		
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts		
SCORE	3 out of 8	
BONUS Openly LGBTQ elected or appointed municipal leaders		
BONUS Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law		

TOTAL SCORE 87 + TOTAL BONUS 12 = Final Score 99
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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