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I. Non-Discrimination Laws STATE COUNTY AVAILABLE This category evaluates whether Employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is Housing prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations. Public Accommodations

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II. Municipality as En	nployer	COUNTY	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 3 0	6 6 3 3
	SCORE	1	5 out of 24
	BONUS Municipality is a Welcoming		12

	BONUS	Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work		+0	+2
III. Municipal Service	:S		STATE	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs.	Human R	ights Commission		5	5
	LGBT Lia	ison in the Mayor's Office		5	5
	Enumera	ted Anti-Bullying School Policies	3 3	3 3	3 3
	SCORE				6 out 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		+2	+2

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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.

LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	(10)
Reported 2013 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	12

V. Relationship with	the LGBT Community	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
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	0	(5)
	Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts	1	3
	SCORE		1 out of 8
	BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders	+0	+3
	BONUS Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law	+0	+4

SCORE

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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