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.

### Employment

- **Non-Discrimination in City Employment**
  - State: 5
  - County: 5
  - Municipal: 5

- **Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance**
  - State: 3
  - County: 3
  - Municipal: 3

- **Inclusive Workplace**
  - State: 2
  - County: 2
  - Municipal: 2

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II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ+ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ+ employees equally.

### Non-Discrimination in City Services

- **Human Rights Commission**
  - State: 6
  - County: 6
  - Municipal: 6

- **NDP Enforcement by Human Rights Commission**
  - State: 0
  - County: 2
  - Municipal: 2

- **LGBTQ+ Liaison in City Executive’s Office**
  - State: 6
  - County: 6
  - Municipal: 6

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III. Municipal Services

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

- **Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ Youth**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ People Experiencing Homelessness**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ Older Adults**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Provides Services to People Living with HIV or AIDS**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

- **City Provides Services to the Transgender Community**
  - State: 0
  - County: 0
  - Municipal: 0

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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.

- **LGBTQ+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department**
  - State: 10
  - County: 10
  - Municipal: 10

- **Reported 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI**
  - State: 12
  - County: 12
  - Municipal: 12

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V. Leadership on LGBTQ+ Equality

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

- **Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ+ Equality**
  - State: 5
  - County: 5
  - Municipal: 5

- **Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts**
  - State: 3
  - County: 3
  - Municipal: 3

**SCORE**

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**Final Score**: 100

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**PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION**: PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY

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

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