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## Bill Pavone, Chilly Billy's Ice Cream Truck

IN 2006, Buffalo, N.Y., electrician Bill Pavone bought a truck on eBay, loaded it up with Good Humor novelties and fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming an ice cream man. Besides roaming neighborhoods in upstate New York, he also caters parties and corporate events using a refrigerated pushcart. His bigger dream? A scoop shop to call his own, with his own Chilly Billy branded ice cream. —Jason Daley

#### IF I HAD \$5,000:



Incorporate or LLC my business: \$350

Purchase a slightly used ice cream freezer for 3-gallon tubs of ice cream: \$700 "This way I can offer a hard ice cream concession and also cater sundaes to company picnics, weddings, etc.," he says. "I get requests for sundaes and soft-serve and at this time, I am unable to fulfill their requests."

Purchase an enclosed pop-up tent for selling ice cream at fairs and festivals: **\$450** 

Buy a Sqwish One Shot Softserve ice cream machine and tempering cabinet: \$2,500 to \$3,500 "This is so my truck can serve both soft-serve ice cream and frozen novelties," Pavone says. "Not many trucks are set up to offer both without compromises."

## IF I HAD \$10,000:

"I'd purchase a slightly used concession trailer," Pavone says. "Hopefully, I can place a deposit down and finance the balance."

## **IF MONEY WAS NO OBJECT:**

"I would love to operate two retail ice cream parlors, making my own homemade ice cream with manufacturing capabilities so I can wholesale branded ice cream to other regional retailers," he says. "I would like four to six ice cream trucks selling novelty and soft-serve products along with my own branded products. These trucks can serve as mobile billboards and be the 'spokesman' for Chilly Billy's. Being able to serve at festivals and carnivals and other events will always be a part of this diversification."